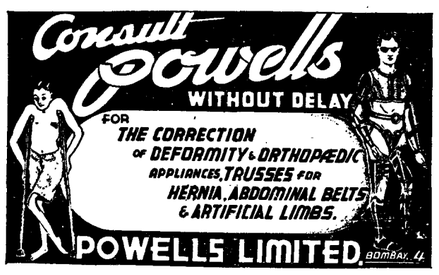

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MAHATMA'S PLAN TO BUILD WORLD PEACE

NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

NURENBERG, Feb. 2. (U.P.A.): Gasperi to-day announced the formation of a new government—Number Six since the end of the war. The Cabinet includes seven Christian Democrats, three Socialists, three Communists and two Independents.

De Gasperi took the posts of Premier and President of the Council of Ministers. The following Christian Democrats were appointed: Mario Scelba, Finance and Treasure; Pietro Campelli, Commerce; Enzo Vatani, Public Instruction; Guido Gonella, Agriculture; and Salvatore Aldesio, Socialists; Rodolfo Morandi, Industry; Giusippe Romita, Labour; L. Cabciatore, Posts and Telegraphs. Communists; Fausto Gully, Justice; Emilio Sereni, Public Works; Giacomo Ferrare, Transport. Independents; Count Carlo Sforza, Foreign Affairs; and Luigo Gasparotto, National Defence.

Swearing In Of New Government

ROME, Feb. 2 (U.P.A.): Italy's new Coalition Government was sworn in this afternoon by President Enrico de Nicola less than two hours after Premier Alcide de Gasperi announced its formation.

The new Cabinet will hold its first meeting Tuesday to prepare for the opening of the Constituent Assembly on Thursday when the deputies will begin urgent consideration of the peace treaty to be signed February 10 in Paris.

The Cabinet will decide whether to pass judgment on the peace treaty and then ask the Constituent Assembly to approve or reject the signing or merely leave the Assembly to state Italy's stand. De Gasperi favours the latter method "with reservations" and with renewed demands for revisions.

Action to complete the constitution draft to pass through the Assembly and prepare for its submission to the public also was an urgent item on the new Government's agenda. The general elections must be arranged as well by the Assembly whose opening was delayed 16 days by the political crisis.

The Assembly must elect a new president to succeed Giuseppe Saragat who resigned after leading the Right Wing revolt within the Socialist Party. Communist Umberto Terracini, senior vice-President of the Assembly, is expected to take over the presidency.

ARMOURED TRAIN DERAILED

Chinese "Reds" Remove Permament Way In Central Hopei

TIENTSIN, Feb. 2 (Reuter): Chinese Communist Forces were today reported to have derailed an armoured train with a land-mine in Central Hopei, where they have also removed sections of the permanent way.

The railway station at Wang Chaung, 42 miles from Peiping was said to have been destroyed during heavy fighting in the past 48 hours.

To Convene Conference Of Pacifists

QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN FRIENDS

Shantiniketan Tipped As Venue: Deliberations To Last A Week

ANISHAPARA, (Noakhali), Feb. 2, (U.P.I.): The United Press of India learns that discussions are going on between Mahatma Gandhi and some of his American, Indian and European friends to call a world pacifist conference in India sometime during this year.

The purpose of this conference, it is understood, is to have about a week's prayer and discussions for promoting everlasting peace all over the world.

The United Press of India further understands that Mahatma Gandhi is likely to invite his friends and pacifists of various countries of the world for this conference. Apart from people from other countries, prominent Indian leaders are expected to attend the conference.

The venue of the conference is likely to be either Sevagram or Shantiniketan.

Mr. Horace Alexander who had a number of meetings with Gandhiji is understood to have discussed some details about this proposed world pacifist conference with him.

PATNA, Feb. 2 (UPI): The Government of Bihar have, it is understood, decided to help persons affected by the last communal riots in certain parts of Bihar, to build their houses by granting an average amount of Rs. 250 per house, the actual amount in each case varying according to the need of the particular case. The grant will be partly in cash and partly in building materials. For Chapra town the average scale of grant will be Rs. 400.

Arrangements have been made to sink 12 tube-wells in the Monghyr Districts to remove hardships regarding water supply.

Students who suffered during the riots and whose cases are known to the Relief Commissioner are being given financial help.

A Peace Committee has been formed to assist in the rehabilitation of the evamuees, says a Press Note issued by the Bihar Government yesterday.

ANISHAPARA, (Noakhali) Feb. 2. (UPI) "Gandhiji's pilgrimage throughout Bengal is a fresh illustration of his constant practice of appealing straight to the hearts of the village people", said Mr. Horace Alexander, Gandhiji's English friend in an interview to the "United Press of India" yesterday.

He added: "Whatever the political future of India may be, the Hindus and Muslims have to live together and must live as neighbours. Can Hindus

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BARODA WANTS DIRECT DEALINGS

B. L. Mitter Not To Join States Negotiating Committee

BARODA, Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): H. H. the Maharaja of Baroda has not accepted the appointment of Sir Brojendra Lal Mitter, Dewan of Baroda, on the States Negotiating Committee, it is learnt.

It will be recalled that the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes after its meeting in the third week of January decided to "expand the States Negotiating Committee slightly to permit a wider field for selection of members and appoint, subject to the consent of the rulers concerned, Sir B. L. Mitter, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari and Rai Bahadur Ramchandra Kak to the States Negotiating Committee."

It is further learnt that Baroda has decided to negotiate separately with the British Indian Negotiating Committee and Sir Brojendra Mitter will proceed to Delhi during this week in this connection.

Viet-Namese Resort To Scorched Earth In Hanoi

HANOI, Feb. 1 (APA): (Delayed): Vietnamese, carrying out a scorched earth policy, set fire to villages Saturday ahead of a French reconnaissance column moving up south of Hanoi, French military sources said.

The column entered Giaphui, four-and-a-half miles from Hanoi, the deepest point southward so far reached by the French.

Only light opposition was encountered, although numerous barricades had been erected and trenches dug across the road to hold up armoured units.

Will a bul-dozer and sappers going ahead to fill in the trenches the French column advanced along the roads while infantry worked across paddyfields, pursuing the Vietnamese retreating in disorder.

The Catholic church at Keset which had been soaked in petrol could be seen blazing fiercely ahead of the French spearhead.

The Vietnamese in their retreat evidently had no time to fire three Buddhist pagodas along the route, inside which large heaps of wood and straw were found.

A few scattered civilians who had remained hidden confirmed that the Vietnamese ordered a general evacuation of localities in the path of French forces.

Vietnamese losses were twenty killed and ten regulars taken prisoner. The French lost one, killed and six wounded.

PLANES DROP ARMS TO KAREN TRIBES

RANGOON, Feb. 2 (A.P.A.): Allegations that arms and ammunition have been dropped from planes to the Karen tribes for offering resistance to the Burmese were made by Bo Aung, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Burmese People's Volunteer Organisation, in an interview with the Associated Press of America today.

Bo Aung returned to Rangoon on Friday after conducting investigations into the serious situation which, he said, had arisen in the Myaungnya and Tavoy districts.

His enquiries, he claimed, definitely established that arms and ammunition had been dropped in those places, and he added that, as a precautionary measure, P.V.O. members had gone into hiding.

The matter, he said, was being referred to Gen. Aung San, President of the Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League, for review on his return to Rangoon today.

Indian Mission For Japan

Move To Settle Reparation Issue: Future Of Trade Relations

TOKYO, Feb. 2 (UPA): A five-man reparations mission from India is expected to arrive in Japan shortly.

It is learned the mission will act on reparations removals and restitution of Indian property in Japan. It is also learned that a group of trade experts may soon be sent to Japan by the Indian Government to assist in reopening Indian-Japanese trade relations.

Dr. L. C. Jain, Indian chief representative here, declined to confirm or deny the arrival of the Indian reparations mission. However, he said he was trying to ensure that India was receiving a fair share of the available Japanese textile machinery which India eagerly wants.

"India's needs in this respect are appreciated by occupation officials", Jain said.

He revealed that some Japanese samples had been shipped to India and it is expected that shortly these goods will actually begin to move to India. He, however, refuse to describe the type of samples.

Trade with Japan today is on a Government to Government basis—with the Indian representative acting for India and the occupation officials acting for the Japanese Government.

Jain revealed he also forwarded a number of claims which Indian firms registered with the Indian Commerce Department for restitution of their properties in Japan. He said, "These claims are not complete and more are coming each day which are being investigated".

He said he was unable to discuss future Indo-Japanese trade since the reparations question and treaty must be settled first.

PRODUCE AND EXPORT MORE

Dalton Dispels Fear Of Financial Crisis, But Urges Economy

LONDON, Feb. 2. (Reuter): Declaring that there will be "no financial crisis" in Britain, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, said to-night that there would have to be economy in regard to "charitable" expenditure abroad.

He stated: "As Chancellor of the Exchequer, I have always been asked to put my hand in your pocket to finance some one or other in some other part of the world; to feed the Germans or to help the Greeks or to contribute to some new international organisation for refugees or what not.

"Much of the expenditure is still unavoidable, but we just try to bring it to an end as soon as we can. Many international objects are desirable, but other people including some of those who were neutrals in the last war should pay their share."

Dr. Dalton stated that the present financial controls were strong enough to prevent a financial crisis, but that the whole country must concentrate on producing and exporting more in order to maintain the present standard of life.

STOP PRESS

SURPRISE FRENCH ATTACK.

HANOI, Feb. 2. (Reuter): French Troops in a surprise counter-attack this afternoon at Nam Dinh, 50 miles South-East of Hanoi, hurled back Viet Namese Forces which earlier had penetrated French Defences, it was reported from French sources.

Reports add that the French have considerably enlarged their occupied zone at Nam Dinh.

GREECE MACEDONIA REFUGEES.

BELGRADE, Feb. 2. (Reuter): Yugoslav newspapers to-day gave prominence to reports from Skoplje, Yugoslav Macedonia that 60 refugees had reached there from Greece Macedonia complaining that their villages had been burned down by Greek Government Forces.

'Permanent Settlement' To Be Abolished

BENGAL BILL TO ELIMINATE ZAMINDARI SYSTEM

Mahatma Supports "More Share" For Tillers' Movement

CALCUTTA, February 2, (A.P.I.): A 155-year-old link with the days of the East India Company, the Permanent Settlement of Lord Cornwallis of "non-intervention policy" fame, will be sought to be thrown on the scrap heap when the Bengal Legislative Assembly and Council meet here tomorrow with a heavy legislative programme of rural amelioration.

BENGAL'S MAIN HANDICAPS

The Permanent Settlement—or the Zamindari system as it was called—has been recommended for abolition by successive Commissions, as a measure that has outlived its purpose. For a century and a half it has saddled Bengal with one of its main handicaps—the absence of a revenue staff such as every other province possesses, in other words, a representative of the Government right down to the village. Without the abolition of Permanent Settlement, no such revenue staff could be created and no co-ordinated plan of agricultural reconstruction could be undertaken.

The Bill—which is expected to reach the Committee stage during this session—will create the machinery for acquiring all zamindari rent-receiving interests and also for regulating the rights and interests of the tenants in an essentially RAIYATWARI system with the Government as the sole landlord.

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS

The abolition on Zamindari would, incidentally, result in an estimated increase of between Rs. 6 and Rs. 7 crores in Bengal's land revenue. At the same time, by another Bill, the Government will seek to acquire about forty lakhs acres of cultivable waste-land, including about six lakhs acres of compact blocks of 100 acres each and above. These lands have been lying fallow on account of various factors such as lack of capital among the peasants and depopulation due to malaria.

The acquired waste land will be utilised to grow more food by settling them with ex-servicemen, people displaced from their holdings and landless labourers and cultivators. The Government's plan envisages a full-fledged programme to relieve the present excessive population pressure on cultivable lands by providing such attractions as model sites for new villages, and modern facilities, including mechanical cultivation wherever possible.

MAHATMA SUPPORTS TILLERS' DEMAND

NABAGRAM (Noakhali), Jan. 31: (A.P.I.): "Only those who toil should have a share in the output", said Mahatma Gandhi giving his blessings here today to a movement aimed at securing for the cultivator an equitable return from the land cultivated by him.

Mahatma Gandhi had been asked what he thought of a movement known as the "Tebhaga" movement by which the cultivator was claiming two-thirds of the land produce.

Mahatma Gandhi said that he welcomed the move. The land belonged not to the landlord but to the lord of us all and, therefore, to the workers who tilled it.

Mahatma Gandhi, however, warned the people against the use of compulsion or violence. Mahatma Gandhi implicitly believed in the aphorism "as is the end so is the means". In Mahatma Gandhi's opinion it was pernicious to hold that so long as the end was good, any means, however violent or unjust, were justified.

"Life's wheel is like that and you should not despair even if you have lost everything" said Mahatma Gandhi to an old man who feel at his feet and told him that he had lost everything except his house.

Mahatma Gandhi stayed at the old man's house during his halt at Nabagram.

RELIGION VS. LIFE

Replying to a question put to him by a woman, Mahatma Gandhi said that one would not be a human being unless one was prepared to die for one's religion. One should not wait for an answer even from one's own self if compulsion was involved in the matter of one's religion.

LAND-HOLDERS PROTEST

NAGPUR, Feb. 2 (API): A Conference of landholders from all over the province of C.P. and Berar met here today and passed a resolution opposing the elimination of Zamindari and Malguzari system in the province.

The resolution passed by the C.P. Assembly in October last for the removal of intermediaries between the cultivator and the State and reports suggesting that a legislation for the abolition of 'Malguzari system was impending have given "expression to alarm and grave concern not only among the 'Malguzars' but also among the tenantry and the people".

The Conference also protested against the decision of the C.P. Assembly favouring the elimination of Zamindars and 'Malguzars' and urged upon the C.P. Government that under present conditions it was expedient and advisable not to interfere with any existing institutions.

Nawab Ghazi Mohd. Wahiuddin, President of the Zamindar and 'Malguzar' Association told pressmen that in their view there was no justification for the abolition. There had been no such demand from the tenantry in any part of the province of C.P. and Berar and the agitation was being conducted by town-dwellers. The question of the fundamental rights was now to be dealt with by an Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly and until its final decision was known it would be unwise to initiate any measure in the Provincial Legislature favouring the elimination of 'Malguzars'.

Blizzard Over Britain

Roads Become Impassable: Hundreds Of Sheep Buried In Drift

LONDON Feb. 2. (Reuter): Britain is still in the grip of snow as yesterday's partial thaw was followed by further storms.

The blizzard returned with renewed violence over Dartmoor last night.

A two-engined snow plough which cleared the Prince Town line was itself snowed up on its return journey to Yelverton and the line was once more blocked.

The blizzard, which began shortly before daybreak, is still raging over most of Northern Ireland. In Belfast, where men have been working to keep the streets clear, traffic is operating normally, but in the country districts it is reported that many roads are fast becoming impassable and in some cases drifts are already three to four feet deep.

Wales also suffered one of the worst snowstorms for many years.

It was feared that hundreds of sheep were buried in the drifts on the lower parts of Snowdonia and that many farm-houses were isolated.

Policemen On Theft Charge

KARACHI, Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): Thirteen Police constables said to be concerned in some theft case have been suspended from service by the District Superintendent of Police at Dadu.

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AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, 1947

THE PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT will commence on Thursday the 6th of March, 1947. Entries will be received up to 6-00 P. M. on Friday, 28th February, and the Draw will take place on the same date. Entry forms can be obtained from Mr. A. E. Wilkens, HON. SECRETARY, AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, Bombay Gymkhana Ltd., Bombay.

CENTRAL INDIA LAWN TENNIS

Ghaus And Misra Qualify For Men's Singles Finals

ALLAHABAD, February 1. (A.P.I.): Ghaus Mohammad and Sumant Misra qualified for men's singles finals this evening in the Central India Lawn Tennis tournament when they defeated Narendra Nath and Irshad respectively. Young Nagu beat Martirussian and won the juniors championships.

The finals of the men's doubles between Iftikhar and Irshad versus Sumant Misra and Jimmy Mehta could not be played this evening.

The following are the results:—

Men's singles:—

Ghaus Mohammad beat Narendra Nath— 3|6, 6|3, 6'3, 6|4.

Sumant Misra beat Irshad— 17|15, 6:4, 4|6, 6|4.

JUNIOR SINGLES (Final)

Prem Nagu beat Martirussian— 2|6, 7,5, 7|5.

Ahmed-Hussain Triumph

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): Iftikhar Ahmed and Irshad Hussain won the men's doubles final this evening in the Central India Lawn Tennis Tournament defeating Sumant Misra and J. M. Mehta (10/8, 0/6.6/4).

The men's singles final between Ghaus Mohomed and Sumant Misra will be played tomorrow.

Indian Badminton Team Shines Again

COLOMBO, Feb. 1 (API): The Indian Badminton Team once again demonstrated their overwhelming superiority in their second meet with the Ceylon Badminton Association yesterday when all the five matches—three singles and two doubles—were won by the visitors.

RESULTS

SINGLES: G. Lewis beat Dion Wales 15-nil, 15-4. L. P. Jaini beat E. R. Jansz 15-1, 15-4. Davendar Mohan beat Suffian Othman 15-10, 15-2.

DOUBLES: Jaini and Guha beat S. Schoorman and Balasingam 15-3, 15-2. Lewis and Davendar Mohan beat E. R. Jansz and G. F. Rajaratnam 15-6, 15-2.

The Indian Team is proceeding to Madras on February 3 where they expect to play an exhibition match on February 5 organised by the Punjab Badminton Association.

Senior League Hockey

LUSITANIANS REMAIN UNBEATEN

BOMBAY, Sunday.

LUSITANIANS 'A'	2
DOCKYARDS 'A'	1

Lusitanians, this year's League Champions, met Dockyards, last year's League Champions in their last engagemens in the Senior League.

It was only through some excellent play by their forwards during the last few minutes that enabled them to maintain an unbeaten record.

Dockyards opened their account first through left-out Adams who shot home from a short distance. The winners took quite some time before scoring the equaliser through centre-forward Lenny D'Souza.

Then after exchanges appeared to be so even as to indicate a draw. left-out Fichardo picked up a ball outside the ring, sent tither by right-back Alexander who affected a clearance, and centred it hard down to where D'Sa was standing. D'Sa deflected it into the net barely a minute before full time.

The teams:—

LUSITANIANS "A":—Pinto; D. Fernandes and W. D'Souza; F. Gama, G. Pereira and M. Vaz; L. Vaz. L. D'Sa, L. D'Souza, L. Braganza and M. Fichardo.

DOCKYARDS 'A':—Boothwick; Alexander and Jamieson; Hem Prakash, Middlecoat and Pinto; Prem Prakash, Tambe, McMurray, Rodrigues and Adams.

Monday's matches:—at 4 p.m. Byculla Stars v. G.I.P. Stores; at 5-10 p.m. B. B. and C. I. Rly. 'A' vs. St. Xavier's 'A'.

UNBEATEN CENTURY BY SATHASIVAM

All-Ceylon's Promising Start Against South Indian Eleven

MADRAS, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): In the three-day cricket match between All-Ceylon and South Indian XI, which commenced here to-day, Ceylon, going in first had made 368 runs for the loss of four wickets at close of play.

SCORE BOARD

ALL-CEYLON (1st Innings)

M. Salih c Gopalan b Rangachari	98
T. B. Werapityia b Rangachari	2
F. C. D. Saran(run out)	42
S. S. Jayawickreme c Ramdev b Gopalan	52
M. Sathasivam (not out) .. .	154
G M. Spittle (not out)	2
Extras	18
Total (for four wkts.)	368

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gopalan	18	3	47	1
Rangachari	24	1	102	2
Ghulam Ahmed	20	0	84	0
B. C. Alva	12	14	44	0
Venkatesan	19	0	54	0
Johnstone	4	1	4	0
Frank	1	0	10	0

INDORE WINS RANJI EAST ZONE FINAL

INDORE, February 1. (A.P.I.): Indore won the East Zone final of the Ranji Trophy defeating Bengal by one innings and 32 runs.

They will now meet the winners of the match between Southern Punjab and North India Cricket Association in the final.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAVOS, (Switzerland), February 1. (Reuter): Sixteen-year-old India-born Jeanette Altwegg who is an Anglo-Swiss finished fourth in European women's figures skating championships which ended here today. The title was won by the Canadian Barbara Ann Scott with the American Gretchen Merill, second and England's Daphne Walker, third.

Altwegg was a revelation of the championship and was the youngest of the English girls competing. Her musicality and sense of harmony mark her out for a future place among the world's great skaters.

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

PARIS, February 1. (Reuter): The European welterweight championship was won by Robert Willemain, the French title-holder, who beat Ernie Roderick, the British champion who retired after the ninth round.

ALIGARH 'VARSITY FACES INNINGS DEFEAT

BOMBAY, Sunday.

When stumps were drawn on the third day's play in the match between Aligarh and Bombay in the final of the Inter-'Varsity Championships of India for the Rohinton Baria Trophy, the visitors faced an unavoidable innings defeat still requiring more than 200 runs with only their last pair together.

The Scores:—

Aligarh University (1st Innings)	143
Bombay University (1st Innings) (for 7 wckts. declared)	566
Aligarh University (2nd Innings) (for 9 wkts.)	200

IMPERIAL TOBACCO'S GIFT TO CRICKET CONTROL BOARD

NEW DELHI, February 1. (A.P.I.): The Imperial Tobacco Company of India has donated Rs. 60,000 to the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Announcing this, Mr. A. De Mello, said that the sum would be utilised to defray the travelling and other expenses of the four teams participating in the zonal cricket tournament in Bombay from February 14 to 26 and the expenses of two teams for a "selection match" to be played in Delhi in March to pay for the coaching in England next summer of one player selected for Australia, and to pay the cost of a handsome gold trophy, to be presented to the winners of the selection match in Delhi and thereafter to be taken as a mascot of the Indian team to Australia.

The Maharaja of Patiala has presented a magnificent gold trophy for the champion zone, and twelve members of the team for Australia will be chosen during the progress of this tournament.

Socialist Exposes 'Rule Or Ruin' Tactics Of Communists

Ashok Mehta Urges Rapid Steps Towards Democratic Socialism To Meet "Red" Challenge

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): "There is not the least doubt in my mind that the Communist Party constitutes the worst menace to the peace and welfare of India, but the Communist Party is clever in that it exploits the vital grievances of the people for furthering its own ends", observed Mr. Ashok Mehta, Congress Socialist leaders, addressing a press conference yesterday in the Congress Office.

One way in which the Congress party and the Congress Governments as a whole could meet what we described as "the communist challenge" was: Firstly, by increasingly transforming the character of the Congress so that it might be able to convince the workers and peasants that it is their organisation and secondly by pursuing the policy of rapid social and economic transformation which alone could bring about a solution of the major grievances of the people.

The Congress must move in the direction of Democratic Socialism. The Congress Socialists were anxious that the tragedy of China should be averted as far as India was concerned.

The Communist Party's policy in this country. Mr. Ashok Mehta said. as in other countries of the world was ultimately determined by the conditions and needs of the Soviet Union.

"RULE OR RUIN."

The Soviet Union was afraid that the Congress Governments in India—both in the Provinces and the Centre—would line up with what might be described as an Anglo-American Bloc. If that should happen the Soviet Union would desire that there should be a strong Communist Party in this country which through its activities would be able to dislocate and paralyse the war efforts of the Indian people. This they could do by organising pockets of their own authority from where they could operate and create trouble whenever they found that the policy of the Government of India was in opposition to the needs and interests of the Soviet Union. The communists try to capture an organisation, say, the Congress and if they do not succeed they try to discredit it and break it up. This policy was known all the world over as the policy of "rule or ruin."

DANGEROUS DEVICE.

Mr. Mehta held that the proposed Constitution for Travancore was not based on the American model as was claimed in some quarters and even if it was so based, the American Model was not suited to our country because of the highly critical times through which we were passing and would pass in the next one or two decades. The Presidential or American system was a dangerous device to follow in times which were pregnant with rapid changes as in India.

As regards the students' role at the present juncture, he said the students movement had a meaning only if it was linked up with the organisation and service of workers and peasants. Senior students must make available to the masses the knowledge they had gained and thus help the organisation of Democratic Socialism, while school students could justify their organisation only if they transformed the Students Congress into a volunteer organisation.

Concluding he said that despite the latest decision of the Muslim League, the Constituent Assembly could go ahead with its work, taking care to frame a Constitution that would satisfy the aspirations of Muslim workers and peasants. The League leadership in that case could not maintain its hold over the Muslim masses.

ELECTED EXECUTIVE.

Addressing a public meeting in the railway station grounds in the evening, Mr. Ashok Mehta reiterated his views on the draft Constitution for Travancore and urged that the Executive must be elected and should represent the will of the Legislature. He added sovereignty must reside in the people of the State or, failing that, in the Republic. He criticised the Government action in banning some periodicals from the State. He also traced the origin and history of the States and said that the struggle for freedom did not commence with the Congress movement, but started much earlier in the history of India.

Concluding, he said the communal problem was more difficult to solve than the problem of dealing with the States, but the communal problem could be solved when India attained her independence.

Jai Prakash Criticises "Present Policy Of Compromise"

NEW DELHI, February 1. (A.P.I.): Mr. Jai Prakash Narayan, Congress Socialist leader, addressing a meeting of the Delhi Provincial Congress Socialist party in the Congress office today said that he saw no reason why the Congress Socialist party break away with the Congress today as the struggle for complete freedom had not yet ended and it was necessary that all anti-Imperialist forces should be united on one platform and under one banner.

Mr. Jai Prakash added that if the Congress continued to carry on the present policy of compromise and to constitutional programme and gave up its revolutionary character, the Congress Socialist Party would have to form a separate mass organisation.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narayan left for Patna tonight.

SOCIALISTS TO DEFY COCHIN BAN

TRICHUR, Feb. 2 (API): The District Magistrate of Cochin State yesterday issued an order prohibiting the holding of public meetings, shouting of slogans, demonstrations and processions with the object of securing the release of Mathai Manjooran, Congress Socialist leader, who is undergoing six months' imprisonment in Viyyur Jail, and the withdrawal of arrest warrant pending against Mr. Manakalath, another Socialist worker The order is to be effective for few days within the municipal limits of Trichur and within half a mile radius of Viyyur Jail.

After the president of the Cochin Praja Mandal, Mr. Ikkanda Warrier, had issued a statement saying that Jathas to Viyyur were not being taken under the direction of the Praja Mandal, fifteen of its leftist members attempted to enter the prohibited area of Viyyur. On their refusing to disperse the police resorted to a mild lathi charge resulting in injuries to some of them. All fifteen were arrested.

Three Congress Socialists were arrested for shouting slogans in defiance of the District Magistrate's order and five more for trying to address a meeting.

It is understood that Congress Socialists have decided to defy the order.

DIRECT ACTION MOVE IN KOLHAPUR

Peoples' Conference Deputies Arrive In State

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 1 (A.P.I.): Mr. Kamalnayan Bajaj and Mr. Shah have been deputed by the Standing Committee of the All-India States Peoples Conference to study tho political situation in Kolhapur State.

The State Praja Parishad had asked for permission of the Standing Committee of the States' People's Conference to commence a struggle and resort to direct action in the State as the Political Department had not agreed to its demand for full transfer of power to the people and immediate setting up of an Interim Government of the people. The Standing Committee, however, before sanctioning any such step has decided to study the situation and hence deputed Mr. Bajaj and Mr. Shah.

These two persons are expected to arrive in Kolhapur on February 15.

A. I. Hard Court Tennis

FATEHSINGHJI OF CUTCH IMPRESSES

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Amongst the many matches decided this evening, only 3 went into the decider. The most impressive player of the evening was Fatesinghji of Cutch who showed excellent strokes in easily accounting for N. D. G. Rao at 6-2; 6-0.

Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES:—K. W. Mirchandani beat T. Mahadervan 6-0, 6-0; J. C. Dhanrija beat G. L. Ward 6-3, 6-0; B. N. Singh beat J. Sanghani 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Fatehsinghji of Cutch beat N. D. G. Rao 6-2, 6-0; Peermohammad beat Allibhai 6-0, 6-1; R. R. Ruia beat Rashid Habib 6-0, 6-1; Baliga beat R. N. Rodrigues 6-2, 4-6 6-3; V. G. Fenani w.o. Lall; K. L. Mirchandani beat Fenani 6-1, 6-2; Khory beat Vidyadhar 6-1, 6-4; Khory beat D. Abraham 6-1, 6-1; S. Krishnan w.o. I. H. Shivdasani; S. S. Indulkar beat K. H. Patel 6-1, 6-1; R. K. Sanghani beat N D Vyas 6-4, 4-6 6-0; N D Sirur beat J J Ghia 6-0, 6-2; Prof. Moses beat Dr. K. B. Chaurasia 6-4, 6-0; H. K. Talyarkhan beat Prof. Moses 6-1, 6-2.

LADIES SINGLES: Miss L. Woodbridge beat Mrs. S. Newlands 6-3 6-2; Mrs. Captain w.o. Mrs. Kantawala; Mrs. C. V. Sastri beat Mrs. B. J. Stewart 6-3, 6-2.

Monday's Matches:—1st round of Men's Doubles, 1st round of Mixed Doubles and 3rd round of Men's Singles from 4 p.m. onwards.

SEVEN MORE REDS ARRESTED

SATARA, February 2. (A.P.I.): Seven more communist workers, including one woman, have been arrested by the Satara police in connection with the 'anti-Sowkar' (anti-money-lenders) agitation at Guthalwadi in Wai Taluka of the Satara district.

This brings the total number of Communist workers arrested so far in Satara to 24.

Ruhr Strikers Protest Bread Shortage

HAMBURG, Jan. 31, (UPA): A wave of strikes was moving across Germany's Ruhr today with workers protesting they were driven to desperation by the bread shortage.

Reports showed that 517 men quit at Zullverein and that 650 staged a two-hour demonstration strike yesterday.

British Control Commission officials said flour supplies were moving in but slowly because of the winter weather.

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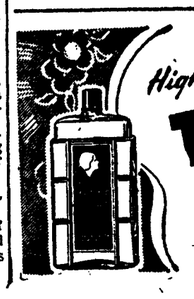

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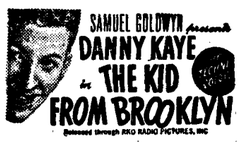

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Municipal Corporation: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

Today's Engagements

POSTAL NOTICE

Tomorrow (Tuesday) will be a Post & Telegraph holiday, on account of 'IDEMILAD' All the Departments of the Bombay General Post Office and the Town Sub Offices including Telegraph Branches of the Combined Offices will observe the same working hours as on Sundays.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Prof. Harold Munro Fox will deliver a lecture on "an experimental approacn to animal ecology" at the Institute at 4 p.m. today.

INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION: Dr. A. E. Blackeslee, Director, Smith College, Genetics Experiment Station, U.S.A., will deliver a talk on "Similarities and Differences between People in their sense of Taste and Smell" and Dr. W. F. Hanna, Director, Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, University of Winnipeg, Canada, will deliver a talk on "Science and Food Production" at 5-30 p.m. (today). in Room No. 2 of the Royal Institute of Science.

BOMBAY & SUBURBAN HOTEL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION: Annual General meeting of the Association will be held at 4 p.m. (today) in Multani Dharmashala Hall Narayan Dhuru St., Barbhai Mohalla, Bombay 3, to elect office bearers for new year and to adopt accounts etc.

MAZDAZNAN: Today (Monday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls School Hall, Waudby Road. There will be a quiz. Gentlemen will ask questions and ladies will reply.

SAMASTA NAGAR PARISHAD: Meeting to condole the death of Mr. Indravadan Narayanbhai Mehta at 5 p.m. (today) in the office of the Parishad. Mr. Nayanshukhbhai Pandya will preside.

BHAGINI SAMAJ: The time of the variety entertainment to be held in aid of Bhagini Samaj (today) at Sunderbai Hall is changed from 5-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. (S.T.)

PROF. RIDDLE'S LECTURES: Prof: Oscar Riddle of the Carnegie Institute, U.S.A., who has made a special study of Hormones, Carbohydrate Metabolism, and other topics of similar nature will be in Bombay from the 11th to 20th inst. He will deliver 3 or 4 lectures, at the Royal Institute of Science. The time, and date will be announced later.

SHIVAJI PARK NAGRIK SANGH: A largely attended gathering of the residents of Shivaji Park under the auspices of the Sangh was addressed by Dr. K. S. Mhaskar on the 25th inst. at Bal Mohan Vidya Mandir, Shivaji Park, on "How to feed in these days of rationing".

Dr. Mhaskar acquainted the audience on all the aspects of the present day food and the different ways and means of getting the maximum benefit out of it as well as of supplementing it whenever necessary. He urged women to improve the art of cooking.

The Secretary of the Sangh Mr. G. D. Khanolkar assured the audience that such important problems pertaining to food and health will be tackled by the Sangh for the benefit of the residents of Shivaji Park in future.

B. E. S. T. UNION'S DECISION

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The B.E.S.T. Workers' Union at its general body meeting today unanimously passed a resolution authorising the Union Executive to serve the company management with a strike notice, at a future date, if no settlement was reached in the present dispute.

The demands of the workers include, besides increased wages and better leave, the Indianisation of the company staff.

The President of the Union, Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoi, who is now away from Bombay, is expected to arrive by the 8th of this month.

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BEST MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS

Premier's Tribute To August Heroes

A crowded meeting of the residents of Islampur Village, having a population of 15,000 people, was addressed by the Prime Minister of Bombay on Thursday night.

Several complaints about rationing, gur, match boxes, etc., were answered by Mr. Yeshwantrao Chavan, M.L.A., Parliamentary Secretary, in a way which convinced his listeners of the right policy followed by the Government.

Mr. Kher drew a picture of the current political set-up of the country and after congratulating them on the good relations they had maintained among members of the different communities told them that the task of making Swaraj real lay entirely with them. They had faith in their representatives whom they had sent to the Legislative Assembly and it was also they who in some measure had appointed their Ministry. They must have patience and give the new Government a chance, since the evil legacy of a foreign government could not be wiped off with a stroke of the pen or in a few months.

Swami Ramananda, President of the Satara District Congress Committee, said that the place of the meeting, Pandu Chowk, had been immortalised in 1942 when two brave young men died valiantly so that others might live as free men and women.

Premier Lays Foundation Of Village School

"A healthy system of education is the first step to Swaraj, which to be real, must lead to the greatest happiness of the greatest number." With these words the Prime Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, compimented members of the Kasegaon Education Society on Thursday afternoon at Kasegaon in Valwe Taluka of the Satara District. He was laying the foundation-stone of the Azad English School of the Society. Kasegaon has a population of over 5,000 people and it will also serve the needs of several surrounding villages.

City Municipal Staff Strike Postponed 'Sine Die'

Union Accepts Adjudication Orders "Under Protest"

BOMBAY, Sunday: After a stormy three-hour session, the Bombay Municipal Subordinate Staff Union this evening decided to postpone 'sine die' their intended strike (scheduled to begin on Monday. Feb. 3) and to accept "under protest" the adjudication orders passed by the Government of Bombay.

Hundreds of employees of the Corporation, including many women, packed the grounds of the Municipal Sports Club to debate whether to accept adjudication. The proceedings got out of control several times and speakers who favoured rejecting the adjudication award were shouted down. In one instance, a municipal employee, who remarked that "not even a hundred persons would go on strike on Monday", was forcibly pushed into the back rows.

Mr. R. K. Karanjia, President of the Staff Union, said that Government had 'run to the rescue of the city' at the last moment. In Mr. Justice Divatia, the adjudicator, they had a man with clean hands and a reputation for impartiality. If they rejected adjudication and precipitated a strike, they might risk the moral support of the whole city. 'Here is a wonderful opportunity for us to give a last chance to Government," he said. The leaders of the Trade Union movement in Bombay had advised him and the managing body of the Union not to take hasty action. He was confident that all their demands would be conceded by the adjudicator. If not, they had always the recourse to strike, to a "final struggle". If they struck on Monday, as originally scheduled, they would only be giving an opportunity to the Government to crush and kill the Union'.

Mr. Karanjia advised the Union to accept the adjudication orders "under protest."

Mr. R. V. Nadkarni, Vice-President of the Union, urging for postponement of the strike 'sine die', observed that they should not embark on a strike so long as their case was in the hands of man with a name for impartiality. "But if we do not fare well in the adjudication, we can decide whether to take up the threads of strike once again," he said.

SWORD FROM OLD ARMOURY.

Opposing acceptance of adjudication, Mr. S. H. Jhabwala, Hon. Adviser to the Union, characterised the Government as 'arch-conspirator against your destiny'. He said that he was too not in favour of a strike (laughter), but asked whether the Government of Bombay was not taking mean advantage of the imposition of the Defence of India Rules. "They are trying to bring out from the old armoury (the DIR rules) a sword to cut you down," he said. Within the present structure of Indian economic society there was no use in going for adjudication. Workers should never put their faith in any Government machinery, where they had no representation. Nothing would be materially gained from adjudication. He called upon the Union to resist the "immoral will" of the Government.

Messrs. V. S. Joshi and D'Souza supported postponement of the intended strike. Mr. Deshpande, who proposed a token strike on Monday, was shouted down by the audience. Mr. V. K. Kapadia, who criticised the Congress and made some bitter remark, was asked to withdraw his allegations, which he did after much shouting and booing from the crowd.

SPEAKER PUSHED BACK.

"Not even hundred persons will go on strike if you reject adjudication," said Mr. B. G. Kulkarni, the next speaker, whose opening remarks created such a storm of protest and confusion that for practically a quarter of an hour there was pandemonium in the grounds. When called upon to withdraw the "insinuation", the speaker refused to do so and called upon the audience to 'remove him bodily from here." This was the signal for further commotion and eventually Mr. Kulkarni was pushed into a back row.

Consequent upon the disorder created, a closure motion was moved and adopted.

Mr. Nadkarni then moved the resolution which asked for the postponement of the intended strike in view of the adjudication orders "imposed on us' by the Government. The members of the Union were asked to be ready, however, for the "final struggle" which was bound to be long-drawn-out. They were counselled unity, patience, determination and discipline in the fight against the "vindictive attitude of the administration."

By a show of hands, the resolution was adopted by the meeting by an overwhelming majority, only half a dozen persons dissenting.

Malayalee Artists Confer

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A meeting of the Malayalee group of the Indian National Theatre was held today at the Podar College at 10 a.m. under the presidentship of Mr. Dharmaraj Kulkarni, the General Secretary of the Indian National Theatre.

A provisional Committee of seven members with Mr. T. M. Padmanabhan as convener was elected. A resolution was passed requesting the I.N.T. to grant the necessary affiliation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, (UPA): The State Department today announced the appointment of Charles E Dickerson as Counsellor of the Legation and Consul General at Johannesburg.

Dickerson previously was First Secretary and Consul at Lisbon.

CONGRESS TOPICAL

Shukl Exposes Delaying Tactics Of Parties Concerned

Mr. L. K. Shukl of Indian Topicals writes:

"We have received many enquiries from all over the country questioning our delay in releasing the film of the 54th Indian National Congress Session which we have produced.

We have not been able to complete the film so far as some of the allied concerns are bent upon non-co-operation.

We have endeavoured to present this film as a perfect documentary record before the public, beginning with Ramgarh Session and covering the all political important events leading upto the Meerut Congress Session. To complete this we require some shots taken by the Indian News Parade from time to time under the control of the Information Dept. of Government of India and Messrs. Central Cine Corporation Ltd., of Moylan's department of Patel India.

GOVT. DEPARTMENT'S REPLY

We approached both the above concerns for the supply of the required shots on their usual terms about a month back. On the 11th January 1947 the Information Department of the Government of India telegraphically asked to approach their officer-in-charge of Government's Indian News Parade in Bombay and get our requirements. Accordingly we approached Mr. Saxena the Officer Incharge of Government Films, but unfortunately he has not complied with our request as yet. Instead he gave us a kind "tip" that "if you expect any thing urgent in the name of Congress, you must not expect us to forgo our routine—you will get it—that's all." Uptil now we are not sure when we will get THAT'S ALL."

For certain shots Mr. Saxena instructed us to approach Mr. Moylan producer Indian News Parade of the Central Cine Corporation Ltd, the public limited company of Patel India. After a great hesitation Mr. Moylan agreed to supply the used shots to us at the rate of Rs. 5 per foot plus their transport charges; but before we get the required shots he asked our representative to sign an agreement, with the following clause mentioned therein:—

"That the film 54th Indian National Congress Session, Meerut, is not intended for public exhibition but only for non-theatrical use"

We fail to understand what he meant by not for public exhibition and non-thearical use—as the film is produced for general exhibition all over the country. He certainly has mistaken our motives for undertaking this work. Since he is not inclined to react favourably to our request he has created this clause in the agreement.

PATEL'S REPLY

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TODAY ON RADIO

MONDAY, Feb. 3.

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244 m. (7,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of Week (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M.) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Madhavrao Alkutkar (Pakhawaj) 8-45 Abhang 9-0 Ram Marathe. 12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (H) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Mile Jule Gane 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Madhavrao Alkutkar (Pakhawaj) 5-15 Chandrabai Jambolkar 5-35 Nasir Nazim and Party 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Prem Sangeet 6-30 Rajanikant Desai (Thumri) 6-45 Sudhanabai Gokhale (Vocal) 7-0 Special 7-15 Madhavrao Alkutkar (Pakhawaj) 7-30 Chandrabai Jambolkar 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Ghar nun vatavaram: Talk by Tarangini Cholia (G) 8-45 Readings from works of Yeshwant 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 "Art-Time" (Talk by R. Chatterjee) 10-0 Rajanikant Desai 10-25 Ram Marathe.

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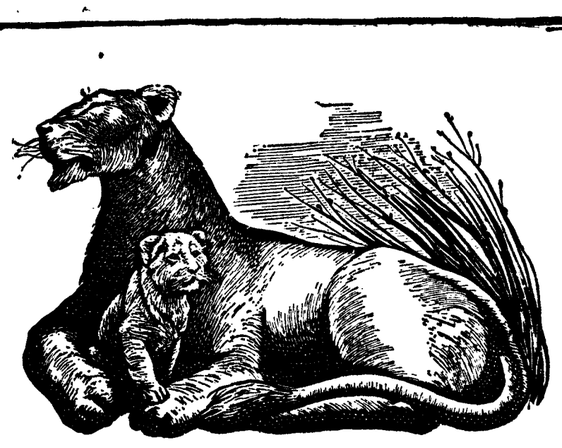

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather cnart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st November, 1946 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours I.S.T. on 2nd February 1947.

Ahmedabad 87 59 0 1.1 plus 0.9; Allahabad 79 49 0 1.6 plus 0.1; Bangalore 82 5 65 0 8.6 plus 5.2; Baroda 92 49 0 1.1; Belgaum 86 57, 0 6.3 plus 4.3; BOMBAY 85 67 0 7.1 plus 6.3; Calcutta 30 54 0 1.9 plus 0.6; Colombo nil; Cuttack 81 56 0 4.7 plus 2.5; Delhi 78 49 0 0.5 minus 1.1; Hyderabad (Dn) 87 64 0. 3.4 plus 1.6; Karachi 77 61 0 0 minus 0.8; Lahore 77 44 0 0.9 minus 0.8; Lucknow 78 50 0 2.1 plus 0.6; Madras 85 72 0 58.5 plus 35.8; Mahabaleshwar 78 55 0 11.7 plus 9.7; Mysore 84 66 0 10.4 plus 7.1; Nagpur 82 54 0 9.3 plus 7.9; Ootacamund 66 47 0 18.1 plus 8.8; Pachmarhi 71 41 0 1.4 minus 0.4; Patna 77 51 0 0.6 minus 0.1; Poona 87 51 0 6.5 plus 5.2; Quetta 64 38 0 3.1 minus 0.2; Rajkot 38 49 0 1.1 plus 0.7; Rawalpindi 74 47 0 3.8 minus 0.5; Sholapur 90 63 0 2.5 plus 0.6; Simla 52 41 0 3.9 minus 0.6; Srinagar 32 30 0 6.0 plus 1.1; Surat 94 60 0 7.5 plus 7.0.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

All seems infected that the infected spy,
As all looks yellow to the jaundiced eye

—Pope.

The Bombay Chronicle

LET BRITAIN ANSWER

The Muslim League Working Committee's resolution on the Constituent Assembly and the Congress is not altogether surprising, though it is as unhelpful towards an amicable settlement as any that the League has passed in recent months on this subject. It is insulting to the Congress in its tone, and in interpreting the Congress resolution it flouts elementary logic. The gist of the League's resolution is that the Congress, "by rejecting the final appeal of His Majesty's Government to accept the correct interpretation of fundamental procedure of the Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16, and by having already, by the resolution and decisions taken in two sessions, converted the Constituent Assembly into a body of its own conception, has destroyed all fundamentals of the Statement of the 16th May and every possibility of compromise on the basis of the Cabinet Mission's Constitutional Plan, the League also holds that "the elections to, and thereafter the summoning of the Constituent Assembly, in spite of strong protests and most emphatic objections on the part of the Muslim League, were 'ab initio' void., invalid and illegal as not only the major parties had not accepted the Statement but even the Sikhs and the Scheduled Castes had also not done so: and that the continuation of the Constituent Assembly and its proceedings and decisions are 'ultra vires', invalid and illegal and it should be forthwith dissolved". It is not clear in what sense even the Sikhs and the Scheduled Castes have not accepted the Statement. But it is no use arguing with a body which in its present mood seems determined to distort both facts and the arguments of the Congress and its supporters. In any case, as the League has urged the British Government to judge whether or not Congress has accepted the Statement of December 6 and to dissolve the Constituent Assembly forthwith, we can at least wait till we know how that Government responds to these suggestions.

When a few weeks ago the League decided not to join the Constituent Assembly on the ground that Congress had not accepted the British Government's interpretation of the Grouping clauses, that Government made haste to intervene and insist that its own interpretation must be accepted by all parties and even held out the threat that, if its interpretation was not accepted, it was under no obligation to implement a constitution based upon any other interpretation not accepted by both the major communities. This attitude of the Government and the consequent ready acceptance by the Congress of the Statement of December 6 to make it easier for the League to join the Assembly seem to have encouraged the latter body to believe that it has only to make a demand when for one reason or other the Government and the Congress will concede it at least partially and that a fresh demand must be followed by a fresh concession from the Congress in its anxiety for an amicable settlement as a help to the speedy attainment of the country's independence. And, indeed, if any concessions were possible without doing injustice to other bodies in the country Congress would have at least considered them on their merits. But in the present case the League virtually demands that a minority province like Assam or an important community like the Sikhs must be coerced by its Group into accepting a constitution for itself against its will, however unjust that constitution may be. And the Congress rightly refuses to be party to such coercion. If the British Government regards such coercion as a fundamental part of its plan or that the present proceedings of the Constituent Assembly are "invalid and illegal" let it say so and take the consequences. Meanwhile, the Assembly will proceed with its work as scheduled in accordance with its constitution. Of course, the door is always open to the League to enter the Assembly, where alone there is the best scope for fruitful negotiations.

Frankly Speaking

Petty-minded & Vindictive

It is difficult to understand the action of the Minister of Interior of S. African Union in refusing passports to Dr. M. Y. Dadoo and Dr. G. M. Naicker, presidents of the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses respectively, who intended to leave shortly for India to attend the Asiatic Relations Conference. The refusal is an affront both to Indians in S. Africa, whose accredited representatives they are, and to the organisers of the Conference. Their only fault apparently is that they have taken a leading part in the Passive Resistance organised by Indians in S. Africa against the policy of racial discrimination followed by Marshal Smuts' Government. That policy has been denounced by the United Nations Assembly in no uncertain terms and its enormity will only be brought into prominent relief by the petty-minded and vindictive action taken by the South African Government in refusing passports to Drs. Dadoo and Naicker.

Sensible Proposal

Speaking on Mr. H. M. Basner's resolution in the South African Senate, Field Marshal Smuts last week made a speech which was characteristic of the two-faced policy that he has been following, the policy, namely, of paying lip service to the ideals of the United Nations organisation and in practice of violating them in an unashamed manner. Mr. Basner suggested the summoning of a national convention of representatives of all races in the Union to arrive at a common understanding and to plan a commonly accepted constitution for the future development of South Africa. He also proposed that this constitution should be submitted to the next session of the United Nations Assembly by a South African delegation of all races who should ask the Assembly for political and material aid to raise the educational and living standards of all citizens in S. Africa to a degree in which all citizens will be satisfied and which will avoid racial strife within the Union and without her borders. Mr. Basner's proposal was an eminently sensible and practicable one. As he rightly said, no one would be able to persuade the outside world that South Africa's structure was in conformity with the United Nations Charter.

White Civilization In Danger

Field Marshal Smuts did not like Mr. Basner's proposal because it went to the root of the matter and suggested the right remedy. He did not like the proposal because he is one of those European idealists who believe, perhaps honestly, that the Whites are God's chosen race and that, therefore, they must for all time continue to live in superior isolation, if not continually dominate all other nations politically and economically. He was wise enough to declare that he did not share the view that South Africa should leave the United Nations Organisation. But he said that the United Nations had made "a poor start which disappointed us and many others." He added: "At New York it had been found that western civilization was in danger. The centre of power and leadership was shifting in the world and it happened that South Africa was the spear point of that attack." Yes, the centre of power and leadership is shifting in the world because the nations of Asia and other exploited nations are coming into their own, but with their advent to power and leadership no true civilization is in danger. On the contrary true civilization will now spread its benefits to all parts of the world bringing to an end all domination and exploitation and ensuring all the good things of life to all peoples of the earth without any distinctions of race or colour. The "Western civilisation" of Field Marshal Smuts and those for whom he speaks, with all its merits, brought also misery to the world in the shape of racial arrogance and white supremacy and consequently, wars. Field Marshal Smuts must realize that that civilization is really in danger, if it still continues to identify itself with the idea of White racial supremacy.

Literacy Week

The Bombay Adult Education Committee is now celebrating its annual Literacy Week with the specific object of popularising its Ten Year Plan for the liquidation of illiteracy from the adult population of the city. The Plan is a modest one, being limited to the age group of 15 to 40; and the Committee expects that if the Plan is carried out fully, "not only will the present 52.7 per cent of Bombay's population between the age group of 15 to 40 be literate but the total literacy percentage of the city will, in ten years' time increase to over 75 with the assured success of the Bombay Municipality's compulsory education scheme for children". The problem is essentially one of funds, and better and speedier results will be possible if the Committee receives more generous grants and better general facilities from the Government, the Municipal Corporation, large employers' bodies like the Millowners' Association, the various charity organisations of the city and the public in general. Students and many social workers have splendidly helped the collection of funds during the past literacy weeks. They should try and break their past records in view of the need for more funds for the proposed plan. We wish the Week every success.

Mr. Hossain Imam

The selection of Mr. Hossain Imam as President of the Council of State in succession to Sir Maneckji Dadaboy, who has resigned, is an excellent one. Mr. Hossain Imam has been an elected member of the Council for a number of years and has taken active and vigorous part in its deliberations. We wish the Viceroy had accepted the recommendation of the Council that its President should be elected by itself. We have, however, no doubt, if the choice had been left to his own colleagues, Mr. Hossain Imam would have found no difficulty in securing their support to his candidature.

Our Readers' Views

The Grouping Clause

Sir,—My reply to the comments made by your contributor 'Nestor who writes the column 'Court Causerie' in the "Bombay Chronicle" which appeared in its issue of Saturday January 18, 1947, with respect to my opinion that the British Cabinet had no right to interpret the Grouping clause in the Cabinet Mission's proposals contained in their Statement of May 16, 1946 expressed in my statement to the Press which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle" of Friday January 3, 1947, is that for the reasons here-under given the same are erroneous, and not for public good and as such must be discountenanced.

Your contributor 'Nestor' is wrong in thinking that the proposition, namely, 'Strictly speaking, the Cabinet Mission became 'functus officio' on May 16, 1946, the date when they signed, sealed and delivered what may be called the Charter for the Independence of India' set out by me in my said statement (upon which my above opinion was founded) was based on a complete misunderstanding of a legal concept.

I may inform your contributor 'Nestor' that my above opinion was founded upon the meaning of the term 'functus officio' which is as under :—

LEGAL DICTIONARY MEANING.

(1) A person who has discharged his duty, or whose office or authority is at an end, (Vide Wharton's Law Lexicon—14th Edn. By A. S. Oppe at page 441)

(2) Having discharged a duty; one whose duty has ceased, one who having discharged his duty has terminated his authority or appointment. (Vide Manual of Legal Maxims—by Desai at page 237.)

as also upon inter alia' the authorities cited hereunder.

Your contributor 'Nestor' is wrong in thinking that I was labouring under some misunderstanding as to the meaning of the term 'functus officio'. I am inclined to think that he has misdirected himself as to the meaning of the term 'functus officio'. If he had directed himself properly, he ought to have seen that the above proposition by its intendment applied to the Cabinet Mission and not to their Statement as wrongly stated by him, His opinion that the 'functus officio' concept has no application to a purely political statement is erroneus. It appears to be the 'ipse dixit' of a Counsel. It suffers from the infirmities to which such opinions are subject when the same are not supported by any authority.

My observation, in my said statement, that there is a tide of autnority in support of the propositions set out by me therein, which was most significant, should have at least put your contributor 'Nestor' on guard, He has acted very indiscreetly in hazarding his opinion as aforesaid to show that my above opinion was erroneous. He need hardly be told 'physician, heal thyself.'.

There now remains to be pointed to your contributor 'Nestor' that my above opinion oo which adhere, is well founded in law as will appear from the citations hereunder upon which reliance was placed by me.—

(i) The terms of appointment of the Cabinet Mission mentioned by Lord Pethick-Lawrence Secretary of state for India in the course of his speech upon the official announcement he made in that behalf in the House of Lords on February 19, 1946. The same were summed up in the words following :—

The Mission would act as representative of the Cabinet in India and carry the authority of the Cabinet. No doubt when it went it would be given certain specific instructions of direction and the general purpose of its procedure.'

The earlier observations made by him in his said speech in the words following :—

'Since the Montague Chelmsford reforms there have been many such steps, but few to equal the present Mission in authority. Never in history have we had a delegation of such weight and carrying authority in such a degree.'

speak for themselves.

(ii) The material fact that the Cabinet Mission functioned in India for 52 days (out of 98 days of their stay in India) from March 25, 1946 to May 16, 1946—the date when the Mission ceased to function—a fact to which the sub-joined Table showing the important events bears ample testimony.

TABLE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS.

(1) 19-2-1946—Cabinet Mission appointed.
(2) 19-3-1946—Cabinet Mission left Britain.
(3) 23-3-1946—Cabinet Mission arrived in India
(4) 25-3-1946—Cabinet Mission entered upon their duty.
(5) 16-5-1946—Cabinet Mission discharged their duty or when the Cabinet Mission's office or authority came to an end—a fact to which the State Paper of May 16, 1946 adopted by the British Cabinet as a whole bears ample testimony.
(6) 29-6-1946—Cabinet Mission left India.

(iii) The statement in the words following :—

'I have considered carefully the detailed points you raise at the end of your letter. I fear the Mission cannot issue any addition to or interpretation of the Statement'.

in the letter dated June 1, 1946 from the Secretary of State for India to Master Tarasingh (the Sikh leader) in reply to his letter dated May 25, 1946.

I have reason to believe that the Cabinet Mission took up the firm stand in the above direction upon the only ground that, in the circumstances as aforesaid, the Mission became 'functus officio' on May 16, 1946.

The Cabinet Mission's opinion as aforesaid tells a tale singularly at variance with your contributor's. The same must hold good. It was one of the pegs upon which my above opinion hangs.

Yours, etc.,

P. D. SHAMDASANI.

DR. NAICKER REFUSED PASSPORT TO INDIA

DURBAN, Feb. 1 (Reuter): The Department of Interior has refused Dr. G. M. Naicker, Chairman of the Natal Indian Congress, a passport enabling him to leave the Union for India to consult Indian political leaders and attend the All-Asia Conference beginning on March 24.

This information was given to-day by Mr. J. M. Singh, Acting Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, who said that his committee has already wired Mr. H. G. Lawrence, Minister for Interior, asking the reasons for the refusal and to Senator H. M. Basner and Mr. Alec Wanless, member of Parliament, asking them to make representations to Mr. Lawrence on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress.

Mr. Singh said that the Congress had applied in December for a passport for Dr. Naicker to leave the Union as a delegate of the joint passive Resistance Counsel to tour India and consult Indian leaders. As no reply was received the Congress approached both the police, who had to supply certificates of good conduct, and the Immigration authorities asking that matters be expedited. On each occasion local officials said that the matter is being handled by Capetown and Pretoria and is out of their hands. Finally they wired Mr. Lawrence, receiving a telegram in reply yesterday which said, "passport facilities for Dr. Naicker have been refused."

Dr. Naicker attended a meeting last night of the Transvaal Indian Congress at a farewell to him and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo who is also appointed to go on this tour.

When it was announced that passport for Dr. Naicker has been refused, a resolution was passed protesting against the Minister's action and demanding that permisson be given immediately. It is not known whether a passport is being granted to Dr. Dadoo.

Both the men suffered imprisonment recently as a result of occupying Corporation land.

Arab League To Meet On March 1

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (APA): The Arab League will hold a session on March 1 in Cairo to study the Palestine and Egypt questions, it was officially announced today.

Invitations have been sent to seven Arab states to appoint their representatives. League members are Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Govt. Anxious To Relax Trade Restrictions

Commerce Member Assures Govt. Will Strive To Secure Justice To Indian Shipping

KARACHI, Feb. 2 (API): Important questions relating to trade in India and Government of India's attitude towards them were discussed by Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, when he replied to a memorandum by the Buyers and Shippers Chambers, Karachi.

The Commerce Member referred to the Control Policy of the Government in regard to export trade of India and refuted the suggestion that other countries had removed restrictions on the freedom of trade. Even in the United Kingdom, he pointed out, the export and import policy was controlled by the Board of Trade. The war, he stated, had taught them a lesson that it would be in the interests of the country to exercise certain measures of control on exports and imports of general important articles. Unless the Government was in a position to control and lay down a broad policy, it would not be possible in the country, specially in the present scarcity conditions in respect of consumers goods, to secure the necessary requirements of the country. The Commerce Member said that for a considerable time to come, the Government would have to maintain certain restrictions on imports and exports.

CLAIMS OF INDUSTRIES

Mr. Chundrigar pointed out that despite the demand of the industries of reserving the exchange to the maximum possible extent, the Government had allowed and would allow a considerable portion of the consumers goods to be imported.

WOOL EXPORTS

Speaking of Indian wool, the Commerce Member assured the Chamber that so far as the Commerce Department was concerned, after he took charge of it, the attitude taken by the Department was that either restrictions on exports of wool should be removed altogether or export quotas should be issued very liberally. The question of removing restrictions on exports of wool was taken up with the Supply Department who were of the opinion that the restrictions were necessary as wool was required for local consumption. He said that he had this question throughly examined and it was at the instance of the Commerce Department that the exports had been allowed recently. He assured the members that the Commerce Department would continue to assist the cause of the people dealing in wool even after the recent releases were exported.

INDIAN SHIPPING

Referring to Indian shipping the Commerce Member said that there was no doubt that any country having a coast line could not maintain its position in the world trade or industry unless it had its own shipping. The Government have decided to give full quota to steamship companies to enable them to increase our tonnage which was quite insufficient. As regards protection to Indian shipping against foreign competition he assured that the Government would take a strong attitude in this matter, and try to secure justice for our shipping interests. A Committee was appointed by the Government of India to report on Indian shipping and their report had been signed and as soon as it was in the hands of the Government, they would take up this question and use their best endeavours to secure as favourable a position as possible for Indian shipping.

RAW RUBBER PRICE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API): At a Conference held on Saturday (February 1, 1947), in New Delhi, consisting of the representatives of rubber producers and manufacturers, presided over by the Member for Industries and Supplies, a schedule of prices based on 78 cents per pound for Group 1 raw rubber, with grade differentials in accordance with the Rubber Control and Production Order, 1946, was agreed to, pending consideration of the Rubber (Production and Marketing) Act, 1947, by the Central Legislature.

GENERAL STRIKE IN BENGAL

Labour Associations' Protest Against Sec. 144

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2 (U.P.I.): Following the publication of the statement of Mr. Surendramban Ghosh, President of the B.P.C.O. disapproving the call for general strike on February 5 by the Bengal Trade Union Congress and the All-Parties Joint Council of Bengal, the Trade Union Congress Executive met yesterday afternoon and reaffirmed the decision "to call a general strike on February 5 for the withdrawal of Sec. 144 and as a protest against police repression on January 21."

The Bengal Trade Union Congress called upon the workers, employees and students to observe the day in a peaceful, disciplined and non-violent manner and opined that their united action would "help the forces that work for peace and harmony against those of communal provocation and conflict."

The Provincial Trade Union Congress regretted "the ill-advised and hasty action of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee President in rushing to the press" without consulting the provincial Trade Union leaders or the Joint Council of Action.

PREVIOUS TALKS ON INDIA'S STERLING BALANCES

'Scale Down' Cry In U.K. Press

(The following is the concluding part of the story of India's Sterling Balances, of which the earlier parts had appeared in our issues of 18th, 20th and 25th January 1947.)

Anglo-Argentine Agreement On Sterling Balances

In 1945 the British Government represented by a mission headed by Sir Wilfrid Eady) entered into an Agreement with the Argentine Government on various matters including Argentine's sterling balances. The following clauses from the Agreement related to the settlement of Argentine's sterling balances:

A. CURRENT PAYMENTS:

(1) Trade and financial payments between Argentine and sterling area to continue to be settled in sterling.

(2) As from date of this agreement all sterling received by Argentine to be freely available for payment for current transactions anywhere. So long as the present technical difficulties temporarily preventing transfers of sterling to certain other countries subsist, this free availability can be exercised by transfer to American account or, at the option of the Bank of England, into gold.

B. STERLING BALANCES ACCUMULATED UP TO DATE OF THEIR AGREEMENT

(1) As at the date of this agreement, the spot balances of sterling accumulated on Argentine special account to be established.

(2) Argentine to be free to utilise part of this balance.

(3) To repatriate outstanding sterling public debt, national provisional and municipal.

(b) To repatriate on Brazil, subject to that country's agreement, an amount up to £10,000,000.

(c) To repatriate British investments in Argentine.

(3) The sterling balances which Argentine maintains in London as established in B(1), as also the balance resulting there from once operations in (B) (2) have been carried out, to continue to enjoy the existing gold guarantee.

(4) Interest on this balance to be half per cent per annum, such interest to be freely available for current transactions.

(5) Of the said balance, Argentine, in each of the four years beginning as from the date of this agreement, to be free to dispose of the sum of five million pounds for payment for current transactions in accordance with A (2). At the end of this four years period, further discussion on the balance to take place.

(6) If in any year the balance of payments with sterling area were unfavourable to Argentine, Argentina may furthermore dispose freely, within the said area, of its sterling balances for an amount equivalent to the deficit.

(7) The gold at present set aside in the name of the Banco Central de la Republica Argentina at the Bank of England (509.907.663 fine ounces) to be released.

C. FORWARD STERLING

The Argentine net sterling forward position as at the date of this agreement to be established and all forward purchases of sterling established as being within that position to become free for the current transaction as they mature. Pending maturity such net forward position to continue to enjoy existing gold guarantee. Forward sterling operations after the date of this agreement no longer to carry gold guarantee.

Previous Talks On Sterling Balances

Sir Jeremy Raisman, the then Finance Member, towards the end of 1944 spent a short period in London and had preliminary talks with His Majesty's Government's Treasury Officials on the matter of India's sterling balances. Referring to this, in his budget speech in February, 1945, he said: "Since many of the material data were still incomplete and uncertain, particularly the exporting capacity of Great Britain in the immediate post-war years on the one hand, and the development requirements and absorbing capacity of India on the other hand, these conversations were necessarily directed towards exploring the background for future discussions and the indication of a suitable time-table for more definite negotiations. The vicissitudes of the war in the West have, I am afraid, disturbed the provisional time-table foreshadowed at these talks, and I do not anticipate that any negotiations can be usefully entered upon until after the end of the war with Germany. In view of the lack of definition at this stage of our own development programme, I do not think that the delay should be prejudicial to India's interests."

"Scale Down" Cry In The U. K. Press

Demands have been made in the British Press from time to time that India's sterling balances should be scaled down. The following extracts from official statements refer to this:

"We are not by any means happy at the views which we find often expressed in the financial papers of other countries regarding the extent to which these balances should be honoured. On behalf of the Government I can give the assurance that we would do all that lies in our power to see that the fullest justice is done to Indian rights. It would be our aim to see that as large a portion of these balances as possible is released as freely convertible currency in the shortest possible period and that whatever balance is left should be funded over for as short a period as possible at a rate of interest which could be regarded as reasonable."

"It is my considered opinion on such data as I have been able to examine that by no conceivable process of reasoning can there be a demand for the scaling down of these balances.

The Hon'ble Dr. John Matthai, Member for Industries and Supplies in the Central Assembly on October 28, 1946.

"Apprehensions were voiced in the course of discussions in the Committee, owing to certain speeches by eminent men in England advocating the scaling down of sterling balances, and we are assured in this connection by the Hon'ble the Finance Member, that nothing has happened since the authoritative pronouncement made by Lord Keynes, Head of the U.K. Delegation at the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference, in response to the demand of the Indian Delegation for an assurance on the subject, to diminish in any manner authority or force of that statement".

—Interim Report of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Bretton Woods Agreement dated July 29, 1946.

"The first, which was nominated by your President, is the matter of sterling balances. I share his entire confidence that these debts will be honoured. But that does not of course mean to say that India will at once after the war receive a payment of so many hundred millions in cash. She could not spend such a sum in the international market, if she did. The manner of payment of international debts incurred during the war will require much discussion and negotiation. I am quite confident that in these negotiations, the value and magnitude of India's contribution to the Allied war effort will be recognised; that her needs will be considered; and that the manner of liquidation will be arranged to meet her planned development. I do not see that political considerations need affect the settlement".

—H. E. the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, at the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta, on December 14, 1944.

"Egypt would have been ravished and pillaged by Italian and German armies. She would have been subjected to the horrors and indignities of invasion and subjection, had we not defended her by our life blood and strong right arm. Is there to be no reconsideration of that? Are we not entitled to say "Here is our counter-charge, we having defended you from the Axis powers?" The same applies to the Government of India. I specially referred to these matters in the cabinet in 1942 when I saw with disquietude these immense debits amounting against us".

—Mr. Churchill, in the debate in the House of Commons in December, 1945.

"We are grateful to those Allies, particularly to our Indian friends, who put their resources at our disposal without stint and themselves suffered from privation as a result. Our effort would have been gravely, perhaps, critically, embarrassed if they had held back from helping us so wholeheartedly and on so great a scale. Nevertheless a settlement of these debts must be, in our clear and settled judgment, a matter between those directly concerned. When the end is reached and we can see our way into the day-light we shall take it up without any delay to settle honourably what was honourably and generously given".

—Lord Keynes speaking in July, 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

In view of these facts and circumstances the League Working Committee are clearly of opinion that as the Congress, as a major contracting party, has not accepted the statement of May 6, 1946, as clarified by the statement of His Majesty's Government of December 6, 1946, no useful purpose will be served by summoning a meeting of the Council of All-India Muslim League to reconsider its decision of July 29, 1946, whereby it had withdrawn the acceptance of the Cabinet Mission's plan of May 16, 1946.

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If you expect us to-day to be tete-a-tete over the three-thousand-word resolution on the Constituent Assembly issued by the Working Committee of the Muslim League, you are in for a sore disappointment. In fact, confidently speaking, we haven't even read the Resolution! What is one resolution more or less when one can merely stick to the "status quo" and repeat Nah, Ji! Nah, Ji!!

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The mere repetition of this cry is guaranteed to bring down the walls of Jericho,—we mean the jerrybuilt Constituent Assembly, which is "ab initio" void, invalid, illegal, truncated, rumpish, "ultra vires" and what not!

Don't ask us, please, where we have borrowed all these epithets from. Only repeat the "Shut Sesame" formula Nah Ji! Nah Ji!! and get on with your tea if, that is, you are fed up with this tete-a-tete!

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For ourselves we may say in the words of the old song:

Politics is not our bent,
Because we are not very intelligent

At least not so intelligent as to grasp the past, present, future and post mortem of the Constituent Assembly. Our attention, as a matter of fact, was more exercised during the weekend with the doings of our City Fathers and Mothers—only the Mothers were nowhere in the picture!

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In fact we are going to treat you to-day to a guest tete-a-tete. Listen! (Scene: Bombay Corporation Hall.

Occasion: Civic Fathers discussing the welfare of their rate-payings through-the-nose children. Time: Any old!)

Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, then moved a resolution stating that in view of the assurance conveyed by the Government etc. etc.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha, rising to a point of order, said that there was no "assurance" from Government.

The Mayor suddenly interrupted: "Do you know English?" (loud laughter.)

After the uproar had subsided somewhat Mr. Bharucha said: "I am an M.A., LL.B. of the Bombay University; but I don't know as much English as you do."

The Mayor: "An M.A., LL.B. can be got for Rs. 150."

Mr. R. K. Tatnis: "Do you think Mr. Bharucha does not deserve more than Rs. 150?"

The Mayor: "It is for him to decide. I have employed M.A., LL.B.'s for that salary".

Mr. V. S. Velinkar: "And you would not pay more than that to Mr. Bharucha."

Mr. M. N. Talpade: "You would not have been able to pay him Rs. 150 if your ancestors had not left you lots of property."

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Mr. Talpade, moving a formal resolution for postponement, began by extending his sympathy to Mr. Bharucha for being abused by people "who know more English than he does", whereupon the Mayor said he was being irrelevant and asked him to sit down.

Mr. Talpade did not. "Speak on the point of order, I tell you" the Mayor shouted. Mr. Talpade went his way.

The Mayor: "You cannot convince me."

Mr. Talpade: "I know you are quite impossible."

The Mayor: "That is because of your inability."

Mr. Talpade: You can take a horse to water but you cannot make it drink."

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Don't tell us that you have already read all this delicious stuff last week-end. It is delicious enough to bear repetition.

In fact it is so good that we are doing away to-day with our usual tail piece: That's a good one!

SECRET MOVES BEHIND PALESTINE TALKS!

'Observer' Lifts Veil On Bevin's 'Deal' To Rival Leaders

More Areas For Jews: New Partition Plan To Be Placed Before U. N. O.

LONDON, Feb. 2. (Reuter) A new plan for partition for Palestine, giving the Jews a larger area than was allowed to them under the Morrison Plan of Federation has been produced by the Colonial Secretary Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones and has led to disagreement inside the British Cabinet, according to today's independent "Observer".

The political correspondent of the "Observer" writes, "Although little or no progress has been made in the London talks with Arabs and Jews, I understand that Mr. Creech-Jones has produced a new plan for Palestine. This both establishes the principle of partition and gives the Jews a larger area than was allotted to them in the Morrison Plan of Federation.

CABINET SPLIT?

"These proposals seem to have led to a certain disagreement within the Cabinet. Mr. Creech-Jones wanted to apply the plan at once and then to refer it over the heads of Arabs and Jews to the General Assembly of the United Nations when it meets in September.

"I have good reason to believe that the majority of the Cabinet supported both the plan and Mr. Creech-Jones's contention that it should be put into operation without delay.

PLEA FOR CAUTION!

"Mr. Ernest Bevin (British Foreign Secretary) who had the support of the Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee) was in favour of a more cautious policy. Mr. Bevin, therefore, suggested that the talks with Jews and Arabs should be continued and that if nothing came out of them, we (Britain) should wait until September before producing our solution.

"The compromise reached was that Mr. Bevin should be allowed to make the spirited parties into two camps and report back to the Cabinet.

BEHIND R. T. C.

"When he met Arabs, he appears to have told them that the plan they presented at the beginning of the Round Table Conference offered no hope of a solution. Mr. Bevin appears to have told the Jews that Government was still waiting for a suggested solution from them.

"While these talks were going on, I understand that a secret meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party was held to discuss the whole Palestine problem and that a resolution was finally passed in favour of partition.

Concluding the correspondent says, "It is now certain that, whatever happens, Government will put its final scheme before the United Nations.

ARABS IN SOVIET CAMP?

"If Russia opposed Britain in the General Assembly she would take with her most of the nations in the Soviet Bloc, and assuming that the final government scheme is partition, Arab States would, almost certainly, be found in the Soviet camp."

EVACUATION TO BEGIN TO-MORROW

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1 (Reuter): The evacuation of British families from Palestine will begin on Tuesday and not Monday, it is now learned.

Royal Air Force "Halifaxes" and "Lancasters" will be used to speed up transportation of families to embarkation ports.

KING ABDULLAH'S OFFER TO BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, February 1 (Reuter): King Abdullah of the Transjordan is understood to have offered "his protection" to any British wives and families due for evacuation from Palestine, reports from an usually reliable source in Amman, King Abdullah's mountain capital, said to-night.

A number of Government officials in Palestine were reported earlier to-day to have been investigating the possibility of moving their families into Transjordan which is within the easy reach of Palestine's cities and which could be visited at week-ends.

MARTIAL LAW IN 24 HOURS

JERUSALEM, February 1. (U.P.A.): Thousands of Britons gathered at Sarafand and Haifa evacuation centres tonight as British authorities ordered all red tape slashed to get evacuees on their way home before the imposition of statutory martial law which is expected within 24 hours.

Detention camps and prisons throughout Palestine prepared for an expected series of mass arrests authorized under the forthcoming military regime.

PAMPHLET BOMBS EXPLODE

Several pamphlet bombs exploded here tonight scattering warnings that reprisals would be made for future death sentences imposed on extremists.

Meanwhile, preparations for the evacuation of British personnel are proceeding. Planes will take off from Lydda in rapid succession while all available ships will be loaded at Haifa.

Asking Pressmen To Quit Is "Ludicrous"

LONDON, Feb. 2 (APA): The "Sunday Pictorial" said today that the Palestine Government's decision to "advise" the press to leave the Holy Land was "ludicrous" and it called for restoration of press freedom immediately.

The "Pictorial" called attention to the gaoling of Associated Press of America photographer Walter Green for taking pictures of barbed-wire barricades, and said:

"To attempt to draw a veil over what is now happening, and may very soon happen in Palestine, is to invite suspicion throughout the world that the methods of the British army, acting with the authority of the Labour Government, will not bear scrutiny of publicity or survive the judgment of democratic commonsense by other nations".

KING ABDULLAH DENIES IT

JERUSALEM, February 1. (U.P.A.): King Abdullah of Transjordan denied a Cairo newspaper report which said his troops were massing for an invasion of Syria.

"I categorically deny these allegations which are outrageous and ill-motivated" he said, when told of the report by telephone. "I submitted an application for membership of the United Nations. I want a partnership in it and not war. I am a member of the Arab League. This report is most irresponsible".

Forward Bloc Denies Charge

No Breach Of Congress Discipline In Netaji Day Demonstrations

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (API): The Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Forward Bloc passed a resolution today refuting the charge of indiscipline levelled by the General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee against the General Secretaries of the Provincial Forward Bloc, for holding public meetings in celebration of the Netaji Bose Birthday Celebration Day on January 23 and the Independence Day on January 26.

The Secretary of the B.P.C.C., in a letter to the Secretaries of the Provincial Forward Bloc had asked them to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against them for defying the instructions of the Congress Working Committee, prohibiting the holding of meetings by Congressmen on these days.

CHARGE OUT OF PREJUDICE

The Working Committee of Provincial Forward Bloc in the resolution says, that it has ample evidence in its possession to show that a large number of public meetings were attended and addressed by many prominent Congress leaders of the City on these days. It also expresses the feeling that "the charge was made out of sheer prejudice" and approved of the stand taken by the Forward Bloc Secretaries in their replies to the B.P.C C. Secretary.

R.I.N. DAY

By another resolution the Provincial Forward Bloc has decided to celebrate February 21, 22 and 23 as R.I.N. Days in commemoration of the "Naval Mutiny" of last year. The same resolution demands that Naval ratings who are still in jail for taking part in the Mutiny be released forthwith, and restored to their positions in their services.

The resolution also urges that the Indian Army, the Royal Indian Air Force and the Royal Indian Navy be renamed the Indian National Army, Indian National Air Force and Indian National Navy. Lastly it demands that all discrimination showed against indian personnel and disabilities placed in their way should be removed and that the fighting services be maintained and managed by Indian personnel only.

Lenin's Letters To Br. Labour Party

LONDON, Feb 2 (U.P.A.): Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party presented to the Charge d'Affaires at the Soviet Embassy, Konstantine Koukin, photstatt copies of two letters written in English which Lenin sent the British Labour Party thanking the latter for financial help and continuing aid to Russian victims of the "Bloody Sunday" when Tsarist gendarmes massacred Russian workers, it was disclosed today.

The copies are expected to go to the Lenin Museum or Museum of Revolution in Moscow—whichever Russian authorities decide.

The presentation which was private was designed as a further expression of British goodwill following the Labour Party's mission to Moscow.

MORE FR. TROOPS FOR INDO-CHINA

New Govt. Out To Bring "Speedy End To Fighting In Colony"?

PARIS, February 2. (A.P.A.): A decision to send "heavy reinforcements" to Indo-China was taken last night by the French Government, a reliable source said, declaring that every effort will be made to bring a speedy end to the fighting in the colony between French troops and Indo-Chinese nationalists.

The sources did not say how many more French army units will be despatched to the Far East. At the same time, it was reported that General Pierre Hoenig, one of France's top-ranking officers, will be sent to Indo-China to take command of the forces there.

President Ramadier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georges Bidault, Colonies Minister Marius Moutet and six other political and military officials participated in the conference.

INDIANS IN HANOI EVACUATED

NEW DELHI, February 1. (A.P.I.): The Government of India are glad to state that, according to a report from the British Consul, the Indian community living in the Annamite district of Hanoi, where fighting has recently been going on, were safely evacuated on January 24, with the assistance of the local French authorities says a press communique. Major A. N. Mahta, Indian Vice-Consul, Saigon has flown to Hanoi to arrange for the reception of the evacuees.

Armed Clashes In N. Sumatra

LONDON, February 2. (U.P.I.): Armed clashes continue in Northern Sumatra, reports a Dutch News Agency from Batavia. Dutch troops have attacked Indonesians 22 times within the past three days. The aim of the Dutch operations is to seize new territory, but they have so far only slight success.

The report also informs that Dutch forces in Soturabaya area carried out a combined operation to seize sugar plantations and refineries from Indonesians.

French Attempt To End Civil War?

PARIS, Feb. 2. (U.P.A.): Reports of an impending French attempt to negotiate with Viet Nam to end the civil war were current here following an hours-long meeting of top military and political advisers with Premier Paul Ramadier Saturday night.

Colonial Minister Marius Moutet, however, denied the reports and said that only military questions were discussed.

It was reported though that the Premier considered sending Pierre Lapie, Socialist member of the National Assembly, to Indo-China in order to negotiate peace with Viet Nam.

"FIRST RATE JOHN BULL"

Bernard Shaw On Bevin's Foreign Policy

LONDON, February 2 (U.P.I.): Mr George Bernard Shaw characterised Mr. Bevin's foreign policy as a first rate John Bull attitude, in the course of an interview to the London correspondent of the Paris newspaper "Franc-Tireur."

The following are the questions put by the correspondent and answers thereto by Mr. Bernard Shaw:

Q.: Do you approve of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy?

A.: I do not know how far his attitude can be called a policy; but it is a first rate John Bull attitude and perfectly honest.

Q.: Do you prefer Zilliacuse's conception of closer understanding with Russia?

A.: He is only a member of the Labour Party who has a Geneva outlook.

Q.: Does your sympathy go rather to moderate Social Democratic rebels?

A.: For practical purposes we are all social democrats. But there must be criticism. To call it a rebellion is pure folly.

Q.: Do you think the British are too much interested on the reconstruction of Germany to care about France?

A.: I don't think about it; I must take what comes.

Q.: If so, do you approve?

A.: I approve of no view that does not include the plain fact that another war within five years would ruin Russia and Stalin knows it.

Q.: Do you approve of German industrial reconstruction?

A.: Of course I do. The other alternative is the extermination of Germans which is impossible.

Q.: Do you think Britain should take active measure against General Franco? If so, economic sanctions? Economic or psychological warfare?

A.: No. I don't think any nation should take active measure against another nation. They must help one another.

Q.: Do you believe in a possibility of co-operation between Socialists and Communists?

A.: They may squabble because few of them know what they are squabbling about; but they must co-operate. If they refuse national bankruptcy will soon bring them down to their senses as in Russia.

TARIFF BARRIERS IN U. S.

Govt. Experts See Less Opposition To "Lowering"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (Reuter): Government experts are convinced on the basis of federal trade hearings of the past three weeks, which ended yesterday, that opposition to the lowering of tariff barriers in the United States is less now than it was before the war.

The Committee, which conducted these hearings with a view to ascertaining whether United States manufacturers want tariffs cut at international trade negotiations due to be held in Geneva next April, will it is understood, shortly hand down a report to this effect to act as a guide to the United States delegation.

Even before the results of these hearings were published, however, Congressional opponents of the Administration's anti-tariff programme were attacking them as 'a joke". Arch-Protectionist Senator Hugh Butler declared, "the jury was 'rigged' and the result was a foregone conclusion."

In the house of Representatives, Congressman Thomas Jenkins disclosed plans to rush through a resolution calling for postponement of the Geneva meeting and re-examination of the State Department's Tariff reducing powers to a full House vote without the usual committee hearings.

On the senate side, opinion appears to be more moderate, and reports current here say that some compromise between Republicans and the State Department may emerge on this issue as a result of recent private talks between the Under-Secretary of State in charge of Economic Affairs, Mr. William L. Clayton, and Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Eugen Milliken, leading strategists in the Tariff policy.

The Federal trade hearings ended after over 1,000 bulky briefs had been submitted by scores of Industrial and business interests. While many interests earnestly and vociferously opposed tariff cuts as spelling "death" to their respective industries, the Committee is understood to have come to the conclusion that the trend on the whole is not running as strongly against reduction of United States tariffs as it was in the prewar years.

The results of these hearings will provide the basic guidance for State Department experts when they sit down with representatives of 17 other nations.

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN DHARAVI

Sequel To Stone-Throwing: Three Injured & One Killed In Stabbings

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (API): "Three persons were injured and one died in knife attacks on Sunday", says the Director of Publicity in a Press Note issued tonight.

The Press Note adds: "An acid throwing incident in which six persons received slight burns occurred in Lower Parel and stone throwing was reported from Dharavi.

The police fired two rounds in the stone throwing incident. In all 57 persons were rounded up of whom six, including an assailant, were in connection with the stabbing in Nagpada and Pydhoni areas".

An earlier Communique stated: stone-throwing occurred yesterday in Dongri and Dadar East areas. The police fired four rounds to stop stone-throwing. Two persons were injured as a result of the firing.

HUNT FOR LOOTED CLOTH

"The police also raided a tenement last night in a building in Lal Baug area and seized several knives and quantities of looted cloth. Two arrests were made in this connection".

BAN ORDER TO CONTINUE

The order banning public meetings in the Kolaba District without the previous intimation to the nearest Magistrate will continue to remain in force for a further period of one

Mukherjee Exposes Br. "Gift" To India

"Democracy Founded On Electoral System Which Is Very Negation Of Nationalism"

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (Reuter): The allegation that British rule in India has sought to undermine India's national unity was made in a statement here to-day by Dr. Radha Kumud Mookerji, member of the Indian delegation to the World Food Conference.

Dr. Mookherji compared India's plan for solving communal problems to that adopted by the Soviet Union in bringing together its various peoples.

Too much is being made abroad of communal strike and problems in India, Dr. Mookherji declared. This, he said, was "partly due to interested propaganda engineered by enemies of India's freedom, the kind of British imperialism which seeks to divide and rule India as long as possible and delay the day of quitting it. British rule saw the danger of India's National unity and sought to undermine it indirectly by administration arrangements.

"The democracy that the British are taking pride in giving to India is a democracy founded upon an electoral system which is the very negation of Nationalism and Democracy. India's scheme of solving the communal problem is the same as that which has enabled Soviet Russia to bring together in a single federation not two but nearly 200 different groups and nationalities a scheme of what has been a called cultural autonomy of communities within the framework of a parent state with its integral unity preserved and strengthened.

"I hope Americans will not miss the meaning of the appointments made by the new National Government of India—mischievously dubbed as a Hindu Government—of a Muslim to the highest office in its gift that of India's Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Asaf Ali will be the fittest personality to promote a close political, economic and cultural connection between India and the United States."

MAHATMA'S PEACE MISSION

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and Muslims be good neighbours? Can they have mutual respect? Gandhiji claims that they can and they would".

Concluding Mr. Horace Alexander observed: "The peace and harmony will depend on the degree in which they can accept the thesis of mutual respect and toleration which Gandhiji is preaching to the people of Bengal and through them to the peoples of the world today".

SATGHARIA (Noakhali), Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived this morning at Satgharia, the last village but one in the first part of his walking programme.

The Additional District Magistrate of Noakhali saw Mahatma Gandhi at Amishapara on Saturday.

Mr. Zaman told the "Associated Press of India" that he was going to construct a second model hut which, he thought, would meet with Mahatma Gandhi's approval.

It may be recalled that Mahatma Gandhi, after seeing the first model hut, rejected it as unsuitable for living in Mr. Zaman said that the second model hut would be built of thatch, though that would not be as lasting as the one that Mahatma Gandhi had rejected. This time, Mr. Zaman said, Mahatma Gandhi would approve of it.

About fifteen thousand men and women attended the prayer meeting at Amishapara on Saturday. Ninety per cent of the gathering was Muslim. The meeting was attended, among others, by the eight British Army officers who had come to see him earlier, the Additional District Magistrate of Noakhali, Mr. Zaman and Mr. Horace Alexander.

A TOUCHING SCENE

SATGHARIA, (Noakhali) Feb. 2. (API): "My heart weeps not to Man but to God. I have not come here to make people weep", said Mahatma Gandhi when he visited a ruined house during his journey from Amishapara to Satgharia.

The remark was made when the people of the house told Mahatma Gandhi that they had nothing to offer him except ashes and that they had lost nine members of their family in October.

Mahatma Gandhi said Man could do nothing but surrender himself completely to the Will of God, as everything happens by His Will. Great Empires had crumbled down. Hitler had desired to conquer the world. What had become of him?

People here, as elsewhere, sometimes went mad. But on that account there should be no illwill between Hindus Muslims, because they were brothers.

Gandhiji's Advice To Women

NABAGRAM (Noakhali), Jan. 31 (API): Mahatma Gandhi arrived at Nabagram at 9 a.m. to-day, having left Amki at 7-30 a.m. He covered the distance of two and a half miles in 90 minutes.

Mahatma Gandhi is now nearing completion of the first part of his walking programme, and will finish it in the next three days visiting the villages of Amishapara, Satgraha and Sadhurkhil.

"Surrender has no room in my plan of life", said Mahatma Gandhi answering a woman's question whether a woman would be advised to take her own life rather than surrender when assaulted by miscreants.

"A woman should most certainly take her own life rather than surrender," Mahatma Gandhi said. As to the means of taking one's own life, Mahatma Gandhi had no suggestion to make.

Mahatma Gandhi also said that behind the approval of suicide under such circumstances was and is the belief that one whose mind was prepared for even suicide would have the requisite courage for such mental resistance and such internal purity that their assailant would be disarmed.

Asked what he would prefer if the choice was between taking one's own life and that of the assailant, Mahatma Gandhi replied: "When it is a question of choice between killing oneself and the assailant. I have no doubt in my mind that the first should be the choice."

BR. ARMY OFFICERS GREET MAHATMA

SATGHARIA, (Noakhali) Feb. 2. (API): At Amishapara yesterday afternoon, eight British Army Officers due shortly to return home saw Mahatma Gandhi. They came to convey their good wishes to Mahatma Gandhi on his peace mission in Noakhali One of the Officers was a young Australian who introduced himself to Mahatma Gandhi as a journalist.

Mahatma Gandhi laughingly said that journalists are dangerous people and he was saying so as a journalist himself. Mahatma Gandhi also humorously said that Australia had not only become the White Man's preserve for the present, but also, it appeared, for posterity.

Mahatma Gandhi said that India was in that respect, too hospitable.

Mr. Ayub Mahomed Edun Emei, a West Indian from British Guiana with his wife, met Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Ayub Mahomed is a journalist and is editor of the "Labour Advocate' of Demarrara, British Guinana.

LOCAL BOARD DEPUTATION

A deputation, headed by the local Union Board President, Maulvi Latifur Rahman Chowdhury, waited on Mahatma Gandhi at Amishapara on Saturday. Questions such as the recovery of properties looted during the October disturbances and problems of villagers suffering from tuberculosis were placed before Mahatma Gandhi.

It is understood in this connection that some poor people who took part in the looting had communicated their desire to return whatever portion of the looted properties was remaining with them.

The Union Board President told Mahatma Gandhi that some village people were suffering from tuberculosis having caught the infection in big cities like Calcutta while earning their livelihood there. Other persons in the Union got infection from those cases

Gandhiji asked Mr. Chowdhury to submit the names of the patients to him and he would try to make some arrangements for their treatment.

HAZARA SITUATION

Mr. Naren B. Joshi and Sardar Ganesh Singh, members of a delegation on behalf of the Central Hindu Sikh Minorities Protection Board, met Mahatma Gandhi yesterday at Amishapara and had talks with him regarding the situation in Hazara District of the Frontier Province. The delegation are understood to have informed Mahatma Gandhi of the problems of the Hindu and Sikh minorities there.

Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have told them that it seemed to him that "ahimsa' had not yet been understood by the people. He was aware of the situation in the Hazara District and he had written to the proper authorities in that connection.

PUNJAB LEAGUE FIGHT IS FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

Jinnah Calls For Bold Action From Governor And Viceroy

KARACHI, Feb .2 (AP.I.): "I once more draw the attention of the Punjab Government, the Governor and the Viceroy, not to indulge in any camouflage and deal with the situation boldly and frankly and restore civil liberties of the people of the Punjab" said Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in a statement on the Punjab situation today. Mr. Jinnah appealed to the Muslims particularly the youth in the Punjab to avoid communal conflicts and keep the movement absolutely peaceful. He said that they were fighting on an issue which was a just and right one and their sacrifices would not go in vain.

Mr. Jinnah says:—

"I hope that the Muslims of the Punjab will be able to get a copy of the resolution of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League that was passed in Karachi on the 1st of February. It is unfortunate and I am sorry to say, that the Punjab press is censored and news is blacked out by the Executive orders of the Punjab Government.

"The policy of the Punjab Government and the actions they took were clearly not based upon any apprehension of breach of peace or communal clash. It is absolutely untrue that the Muslim League wants to break the Ministry by force or indulging in unlawful activities.

WHAT LEAGUE FIGHTS

Mr. Jinnah refers to the declaration as unlawful of the Muslim National Guards organization, which is part of the All-India Muslim League organization, and says:—

"I note that the unjust and unwarranted action of the government has been rectified by removing the ban against the Muslim League National Guards. But there still remains the policy and the well-considered programme of the present Ministry of gagging free expression of opinion and liberty of criticising the Government and exposing it by all legitimate constitutional methods and that policy has been enforced ruthlessly by extraordinary Executive methods and in order to maintain this policy and programme they have resorted to extraordinary Executive powers such as the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance. These orders and methods resorted to are beyond the pale and jurisdiction of judicial tribunals. it is against this policy, programme and state of things that the Muslim League is fighting.

CALL TO YOUTH

I once more draw the attention of the Punjab Government, the Governor and the Viceroy, nob to indulge in any camouflage and deal with the situation boldly and frankly and restore civil liberties of the people of the province. I, therefore, appeal and advise the Muslims of the Punjab and particularly the Muslim youth to strictly follow:

(1) That your movement must be absolutely peaceful,

(2) That under no circumstances should you allow yourselves, or be a party to any communal conflict or clash, whatever and however much be the provocation. This is not a communal fight at all. Every citizen of the Punjab, whatever may be his community, should support the Muslim League for the issue which they are fighting for it affects all, i.e., the restoration of civil liberties, and

(3) That you must maintain complete unity and discipline.

You are struggling and fighting on an issue which is a just and right one and whatever sufferings or sacrifice you may have to go through will not go in vain. It is quite clear that the entire Muslim India is in sympathy with your struggle and the issue for which you are fighting I can ony repeat what the Working Committee of the Muslim League has already said in their resolution that the All-India Muslim League and its central organization will do all that lies in their power to help you in your legitimate demands and rightful struggle.

"AGITATION IS NOW PURPOSELESS"

What League Leaders Think: Punjab Situation Improves

LAHORE, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): "The little rivulets of agitation in the Punjab which sought to make it a stormy stream are coming at an end of their journey says a press 'communique' issued by the Punjab Government at 5 p.m. today.

The 'communique' says:—

"The situation throughout the province has improved. Despite the fact that processions are being taken out, the agitation is localising. Most of the leaders are now realising the inherent weakness of their stand.

Further reports from Lahore as already published indicate that a procession was taken out yesterday which had to be dispersed by tear gas. Some sixty people were arrested and later released.

In Amritsar two processions were taken out yesterday. Most of the League workers who were there seem to adopt an attitude of indifference. Reports from Ambala show that most of the leaders are anxious to end the agitation. Some people participate in processions in a leisurely fashion.

ROUTINE PROCESSION

A small routine procession was taken out in Sargodha. Some prominent Muslim League leaders are of the opinion that after the withdrawal of the ban on the Muslim League National Guards it is purposeless to carry on the agitation. A procession was taken out in Kasur, resulting in the arrest of one leader. There is calm in Jhelum and Karnal. A small procession was taken out in Multan which dispersed subsequently. Small token processions were also taken out in Lyallpur, Rohtak, Jullundur Montgomery and Sialkot. Only a few arrests were made at these places. In Sialkot 31 persons were arrested, of whom 24 were released later.

In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1 (A.P.I.): About 150 Muslim women paraded today in Daryaganj shouting anti-Khizar slogans. The procession was taken out following a meeting held to protest against the Punjab Ministry's Public Safety Ordinance. There was no interference by the police.

COURTS MOVE INTO SECURITY ZONE?

British Judges Asked To Discontinue Appearance In Tel-Aviv

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (APA): British judges in Tel-Aviv received notices instructing them to discontinue court appearances until further notice, it was officially announced.

The order led to reports that the civil services in Tel-Aviv were being discontinued, and the Jewish Agency approached the Palestine Government with a request not to put any large-scale military scheme into operation. However, the authorities intimated that the move foreshadowed the removal of the courts into the new security areas.

The area is on the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv road near the Jaffa District Headquarters. Buildings here were evacuated by former Arab tenants yesterday and surrounded with barbed wire.

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More Muslim League Executive Resolutions

RIOTS AND ASSAM EVICTIONS: APPEAL TO GOVERNORS AND VICEROY TO USE SPECIAL POWERS

KARACHI, Feb. 2. (A.P.I.): Four more resolutions adopted by the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, which concluded its session yesterday were released to the Press to-day.

ON RIOTS.

The following are the resolutions:—

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League have noted with dismay and indignation that the Governments and officials in Congress-governed Provinces have not only failed to protect the life and property of Mussalmans in these Provinces as is evidenced by the continued daily stabbings of the Mussalmans in the city of Bombay and Ahmedabad for over five months and the massacre of the Mussalmans at Garhmukteshwar and in the Kolaba district of Bombay Province and oppression and harassment of Mussalmans at other places in U.P., C.P. Madras, but have also been undermining their economic interests in the distribution of daily necessities of life, which have come under the direct control of Provincial Governments. Mussalmans are deliberately insulted and oppressed in these Provinces and treated as suspects. There is wanton interference in their religious observances on one pretext of another. A systematic attempt is being made to crush the spirit of Mussalmans by subjecting them to innumerable hardships and sufferings.

The Working Committee calls upon the Governments concerned to take immediate steps to put an end to lawlessness and organised attacks on the Mussalmans and devise means of providing effective protection to their person and property and safeguarding their legitimate, religious, political, economic and social interests.

APPEAL TO GOVERNORS.

The Working Committee further urge upon the Governors of the said Provinces to safeguard the interests of the Muslim minorities, which is incumbent upon them by virtue of the powers vested in them for discharging their special responsibilities under the Government of India Act, 1935, under which the Congress Governments have come into power.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League express their deep sense of pride on the courage, fortitude and endurance shown by the Mussalmans in the Provinces in which they are in a minority in not only patiently and cheerfully suffering loss of life and property but the injustice and harassment by the majority in many other ways affecting their interests. The Working Committee are confident that the Mussalmans in these Provinces will continue to stand firm and United in resisting oppression and injustice at the hands of the tyrannical majority for the freedom of Muslim India. The Working Committee further deplores the loss of life, injuries caused to persons, and destruction of property and deeply sympathises with the sufferers. The Muslim League will do all in their power to help them in every way possible.

ASSAM EVICTIONS.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League strongly condemn the "barbarous atrocities committed by the Congress Government in Assam, on thousands of immigrants by forcible mass evictions of immigrants from the so-called professional grazing reserves and Government waste land by demolishing their houses and driving them to wilderness rendering them homeless and destitute."

The Working Committee further record their emphatic condemnation of the inhuman practice resorted to by the Government of Assam of selling by auction the paddy and the food crops of the immigrant cultivators, thereby depriving them of the fruits of months labour of their sole means of subsistence, and exposing to starvation the families and children of the cultivators.

The Working Committee urge upon the Government of Assam to put an immediate stop to these inhuman evictions and auction sales and allow settlement of Government waste land and excess land in the professional grazing reserves to those cultivators who have spent time and labour in reclaiming their waste lands, built their homesteads and sown crops there.

It is a matter of great surprise to the Working Committee that the Assam Government persist in its policy of oppression of the immigrant cultivators at a time when there is such acute food shortage in India, necessitating appeal to foreign countries for relief from distress in this country and not utilising its own productive resources.

HAZARA FINES.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League strongly condemn the action taken by the External Affairs Department of the Government of India in imposing a fine of Rs. 75,000 in cash, surrender of 75 rifles and the delivery of 40 hostages on the tribes on the border of Hazara. This action is out of all proportion to the requirements of the situation and the demand for hostages in the 20th century is barbarous and reminiscent of medieval ages. The Working Committee are surprised at the adoption of these methods for terrorising the independent people of the tribal areas.

The Working Committee have also learnt with concern the methods of frightfulness adopted by the N.W.F.P. Government in levying and realising collective fines in a manner calculated to crush the Mussalmans of the Frontier Province. The Working Committee urge upon the External Affairs Department of the Government of India and the N.W.F.P. Government to give up their inhuman and terrorising policy.

SYMPATHY FOR BIHAR MUSLIMS.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League express their deep sense of sorrow, grief and horror at the "great Bihar mass slaughter of the Muslims in tens of thousands and on the most inhuman barbarities perpetrated against their men, women and children on an unprecedented scale". The Working Committee convey their profound and heartfelt sympathies to the Bihar Muslims in general and to those in particular those relations have been killed or injured and assure the sufferers, refugees and survivors of every possible help from Muslim India for their rehabilitation.

The Working Committee most strongly condemn the Bihar Government for their utter failure to give protection to the Muslims for over two weeks when all conceivable methods of oppression were allowed to be perpetrated against men, women and children in many cases under the closest possible vicinity of the Thanas and often in presence of police officials. Even now after the carnage, the Congress Government have not taken steps to allay the fears of the sufferers by taking drastic action against the culprits and implementing schemes which may instill confidence in the minds of the afflicted Muslims of Bihar.

NEED OF CONCENTRATION.

The Bihar Government should realise that those Muslims whose houses have been destroyed and whose relations have been butchered maimed and injured cannot be expected to return to their villages and provision must be made for them by exchange of lands or acquisition of lands or otherwise to settle them in areas where Muslims still continue to live and where they are in sufficient numbers to protect themselves against repetition of such incidents.

DEMAND FOR INQUIRY.

The Working Committee after careful examination and consideration of facts in their possession are definitely of the opinion that the "Bihar carnage was a well-organised and cleverly planned scheme which was executed in all its gruesome detail with the active participation of some highly placed Congressmen and the Government officials and calls upon the authorities to immediately appoint an impartial judicial tribunal of the highest order to investigate the whole matter as a fact-finding commission as demanded by the Bihar Provincial Muslim League, in its resolution of December, 1946, and January, 1947.

The Working Committee further affirm the demand of the Bihar Provincial Muslim League made in its resolutions of December, 1946, and January, 1947, and are of the opinion that unless those demands are met the confidence of the Muslims will not be restored and they will not feel safe in the Province.

APPEAL TO BIHAR GOVERNOR.

The Working Committee, therefore, call upon the Governor of Bihar to use his special powers for the protection of the minority and adoption of measures for giving them a sense of complete security. They further urge upon the Viceroy to discharge his special responsibilities and see that the Governor of Bihar uses his special powers for the protection of the Muslim minority in Bihar in a manner that may assure the safety of their honour, life and property.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League further demand that the Bihar Ministry should immediately adopt the following steps for the prevention and against the repetition of such carnage:—

1. Arrest and detention in jail of murderers and culprits of heinous offences who are still roaming about freely applauding their misdeeds and cancellation of bail in all such cases and their trial by special tribunals which may inspire confidence in the justice of the tribunals.

2. Imposition of punitive tax or collective fines on the majority community in the affected areas and binding down of instigators and those from whom there is further apprehension as deterrent and preventive measures to prevent recurrence of such carnage.

3. Release on bail of the Muslims whose kith and kin have been killed or attacked and who have been arrested for defending themselves and their relatives.

4. Supplying of Muslim officers and Muslim armed police force with trucks to enable Muslim men and women volunteers to rescue abducted Muslim girls.

5. To accept the plan of the Muslim League and Central Relief Committee of establishing big pockets to consolidate the Muslim population with certain safeguards.

6. The entrustment of investigation in the hands of non-Hindu officers with a machinery for expeditious investigation.

7. Immediate award to affected and displaced Muslims of adequate compensation according to their respective status and position to build houses in the centres of the pockets of their choice and granting them sufficient amount to enable them to buy housenold effects and implements of husbandry according to their respective needs.

8. The offer of all facilities and help including acquisition of lands for the rehabilitation of Muslims from the affected and apprehended areas.

9. Granting of sufficient funds for the establishment of Muslim women and children homes for acommodation, support, training, education and maintenance of women, who have become widows and of children who have become orphans due to the carnage

10. Granting of licenses for firearms to at least ten per cent of the Muslim population wherever the big pockets of consolidated Muslims are established.

11. Setting up of police stations in such areas manned by Muslim officers with at least 50 per cent Muslim armed police force.

Pending a decision by the authorities concerned the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League advise the Muslims of Bihar to consolidate their population by shifting to larger Muslim villages. Even in the affected areas they advise the Muslims not to evacuate their larger pockets and concentrations in urban areas till further advice.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIM'S

The Working Committee have learnt with great satisfaction and pride that wherever it was possible for the meagre, in fact negligible number of Muslims, to defend themselves, their women and children, they put in a brave fight to the last against well-organised and overwhelming number of Hindu mobs and died bravely in the cause of Islam. Their fortitude, courage and endurance in the cause of freedom of Islam in India shall serve as a beacon light to millions of Muslims in Hindu India who are similarly placed in the Muslim-minority provinces.

LEAGUE LEADERS LEAVE.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Kazi Issa Khan, Khwaja Nazimuddin, Nawab Siddiquali Khan, Nawab Ismail Khan, Abdul Matin Choudry, Abdul Sattar Issak Seth, Mohamed Yunis and Choudhry Khaliquzaman left this afternoon for New Delhi by air.

Mr. Ghazanfarali Khan, Health Member of the Interim Government left for Lahore this morning by train.

In the morning Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Choudhry Khaliquazaman Mr. I. I. Chundrigar and Sardar Aurangzeb Khan met Mr. Jinnah.

The Punjab leaders Mr. Nazir Ahmed and Sheikh Muhammud Amin returned to Lahore to-day morning by plane.

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Judge's Home Bombed

NUERNBERG, Feb. 2. (U.P.A.): Unidentified men on Saturday night bombed the home of Judge Camille Sachs, President of the Court trying Von Papen.

United States Army officials said the bomb was home-made. Nobody was injured and only a few windows were broken by the explosion.

Military Police immediately surrounded the house and German police began a thorough search arresting scores of German civilians walking the streets in the bombed area.

Mediation Or Interference?

"American Policy In China Suffers Complete Bankruptcy"

MOSCOW, February 1. (Reuter): The international reviewer of the Soviet official newspaper "Izvestia" states that the United States' decision to withdraw from the Committee of Three acting as mediator in the Civil War in China sums up a definite phase of American foreign policy.

"It is known that the Committee of Three, which, besides Americans included representatives of the Kuomintang and the Communist party, was created on the initiative of the United States soon after the arrival in China of General Marshall in 1945" states the reviewer.

SUPPORT FOR REACTIONARIES

He goes on to say that the former American Ambassador to China, Major General Patrick Hurley, "carried out a policy of active support for reactionary circles in China".

"The Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers in December 1945 expressed its desire for unification and democratisation" he continues, "and the United States were compelled to alter their policy in China to a certain extent. Their interference in internal Chinese affairs was henceforward disguised as mediation. This mediation, however, immediately assumed a very one-sided character".

ARMISTICE DISREGARDED

The reviewer goes on to say that the Kuomintang, feeling American support behind them, disregarded the Armistice with the Communists, "refused to apply the decision regarding creation of a Coalition Government and convoked the National Assembly which passed a constitution legalising the power of the Reactionary. Clique".

He concludes: "American policy in China has suffered complete bankruptcy. Events will show whether competent American circles will draw the necessary conclusions from the collapse of the present policy in China or whether a new form of interference will follow the breakdown of the policy of Mediation".

POLITICAL PRESSURE THROUGH FOOD!

Soviet Press Attack On U.S. Strategy

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (Reuter): The Soviet periodical "New Times" to-day strongly attacked the forthcoming visit of Mr. Herbert Hoover, President Truman's "Food Ambassador", to Germany and Austria as being connected "with attempts by influential American circles to make German industry wholly dependent on the West and the embryo of 'Western European Federation'."

Mr. Hoover's trip is thus one of the links in the chain of plans being worked out in the United States by Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Mr. John Foster Dulles (Republican Party. Foreign Affairs Expert) and in England by M. Winston Churchill and his Unification Committee", the periodical declared.

The "New Times" attacked the United States Economic policy in Europe as "hunger strategy which uses the food help as a means of political pressure."

PROVINCIAL WEAVERS CONFERENCE DECISIONS

(From A Correspondent)

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Weavers' Societies Federation, a Provincial Weavers Conference was held at Malegaon Nasik District, on the 28th January, 1947.

Maulvi Abdul Razak Chairman, Municipal Board, Malegaon, presided. The Conference which was attended by 5,000 people, including 200 delegates from various districts of the Province, passed resolutions deciding to erect a spinning mill at Malegaon, urging the Government of Bombay to lift the ban on installation of new handlooms for hereditary weavers and to increase the Bombay Provincial yarn quota to 16,000 bales, to open up a branch of the Weavers' Federation at Malegaon, emphatically opposing the Government scheme of introducing price control over handloom products, requesting the Textile Commissioner to allot only Bombay mill yarn to Bombay province and demanding that only weavers' representatives should be taken on All-India Handloom Board.

Textile Control And Fents

BOMBAY, February 2. (A.P.I.): A Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner, Government of India, says: "By a notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 24th January, 1947, it has been made incumbent on the quota holders in the city and suburbs of Bombay to submit returns of their stocks of cloth in the prescribed forms to the Textile Commissioner, for the purpose of securing releases of their stocks.

By another notification published in the Gazette of India of the same date, the Government of India have classified fents into three different categories, each one of them being required to be packed separately by mills. These are (i) fents below 1 yard—'rags'; (ii) fents between 1 yard or above but not exceeding 3 yards—'fents'; and (iii) fents above 3 yards and below 10 yards—'seconds'.

By a third notification, the Textile Commissioner has amended his general permission under clause 18-D of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, 1945 regarding packing of cloth by mills so as to allow mills to pack together fents of whatever description above 3 yards and less than 10 yards in length and damaged cloth and 'seconds' below 10 yards in length.

Quota holders and mills are required to adhere strictly to the requirements in the above mentioned notifications. Contravention of any of these notifications will render the offending party liable to prosecution.

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League Wants Minorities In Sections Blacked-out

Congress Cabinet Member On Jinnah's Decision To Keep Out Of Consembly

LAHORE, Feb. 2 (UPI): Sardar Pratap Singh, Member of the Congress Working Committee, in the course of an interview to the United Press of India deplored the refusal of the Muslim League to join the Constituent Assembly.

He said: "They will surely come sooner or later. Their delay is made longer only with a view to getting the maximum in the bargain. In principle and in fairness there is nothing in the Congress resolution that can be objected to by any party. If justice and fairplay is the criterion, then every word in the Congress resolution is rightly put and no one who does not intend to usurp the rights of the minorities could object to it.

"The refusal of the League will raise doubts in the minds of the minorities that the League leaders do not care for their rights in Sections 'B' and 'C' and hence it is highly deplorable".

ALI ZAHEER DEPLORES LEAGUE RESOLUTION

LUCKNOW, Feb. 1 (API): "It is very depressing to find that the Muslim League is still persisting in its negative attitude. If, instead of rejecting the constitutional plan and finding fault with the work done by the Constituent Assembly so far, the League leaders had given assurances to the minorities in groups 'B' and 'C' the deadlock might have been resolved" said Mr. Ali A. Zaheer former Member of the Interim Government in an interview to the Associated Press of India on the Muslim League Working Committee resolution adopted at Karachi.

Mr. Zaheer added: "It is difficult to understand how the League wants others to respect the Muslim minority and its wishes, while it is not ready to show any consideration for the minorities which will exist in its own group. I still hope the general Muslim public will realise the absurdity of the stand taken up by the Muslim League Working Committee".

League Must Quit Interim Government

"Unholy Alliance Between Muslim League, Vested Interests And Feudal Lords": Reaction To Karachi Decision

LUCKNOW, Feb. 1 (API) Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, Home Minister U. P., and a former member of the Congress Working Committee, commenting on the resolution of the Muslim League Working Committee adopted at Karachi said, "It is regretted that Muslim League has decided not to attend the Constituent Assembly. It is now obvious that Mr Jinnah is playing for time. I hope the Constituent Assembly will proceed with its work and will draw up a constitution that will be acceptable to all parts of the country."

COUNTER-COMMUNALISM NO REMEDY

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Sherwani Minister for Agriculture, said, "The gesture made by the Congress has received no response and the attitude of those who are at the helm of affairs of the Muslim League remains unchanged. This has not come to me as a surprise. I am convinced that this is the outcome of an unholy alliance between the Muslim League, the Feudal Lords and the vested interests to impede the progress of the country towards freedom. Communalism is not the creation of Mr. Jinnah. He has much exploited and capitalized the feeling which existed. It would be wrong to fight it with counter-communalism.

WILL LEAGUE RECONSIDER?

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. Hooseinbhoy A. Lalljee, President All-Parties Shia Conference in a statement commenting on the resolution of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee said, "It is likely that impression will be created that the League leaders do not wish to face free and frank deliberations.

Only after such deliberations, if their suspicions turn out to be well-founded, it would be time for them to place them before the public. Otherwise the people will have to take it that attempts are being made to delay the Independence of Mother Land."

Mr. Lalljee hoped that the League leaders would yet reconsider and offer their co-operation.

"QUIT INTERIM GOVT.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 1 (A.P.I.): Commenting on the Muslim League Working Committee's Karachi Resolution "Hindusthan Standard" said:

"The British Government must now make its own decision without further delay." The paper contended that the formation of the Interim Government and the Constituent Assembly was based on the recognition by the British Government that the Congress had accepted the Cabinet Mission's plan. It was the Muslim League that had not accepted the plan and therefore the League had no place in the Interim Government and its nominees must be asked to quit immediately.

MARCH GRAIN ALLOCATION ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, (U. P. A.): The Agriculture Department today allocated 1,500,000 tons of grain for export in March.

The Department said that this is the largest schedule since the beginning of the postwar grain export programme in the middle of 1945. It said the new allocation equals 57,739,000 bushels.

The allocation includes wheat flour corn, grain, sorghums and barley. It compares with the February total of 1,204,500 tons.

The Department said the March allocation consists of 18,443,000 bushels of wheat, 16,203,000 bushels of flour, 19,560,000 bushels of corn, 2,040,000 bushels of grain sorghums and 1,493,000 bushels of barley.

Harijan League Session

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API): Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru will open the annual session, of the All-India Harijan League in Delhi on February 22, at Gandhi Grounds. Mr. Hemchandra Nashkar, Member Constituent Assembly, and former Mayor of Calcutta, has been elected President of the annual session and Mr. Girdhari Lal, Excise Minister, U.P. will preside at the League's Jubilee Session which will be held at the same time.

Edwin Scrimgeour Dead

DUNDEE, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Mr. Edwin Scrimgeour former prohibitionist Member of Parliament, whose defeat of Mr. Winston Churchill at Dundee in 1922 caused a major political sensation died here today. He was 80.

U. N. Delegates Seek Compromise On Disarmament

NEW YORK, Jan. 31, (UPA): Warren Austin, chief American delegate at the United Nations today conferred for nearly an hour with Soviet representative Andrei Gromyko in an effort to break the current stalemate in the Security Council negotiations on disarmament and atomic control.

Austin also planned to confer with the Belgian and Australian delegates in line with his decision to seek a compromise before the council discusses disarmament on Tuesday at Lake Success. Austin and his deputy, Herschel Johnson hoped to confer with all ten other delegates on the council before Tuesday's session in an effort to get a compromise which will make it possible for the United States to abandon its generally opposed demand that the American atomic plan get strict priority over general disarmament in the council.

No announcement was made on the discussion with Gromyko.

WANTED BOOKS ON INDIA

Appeal From Indian Students In U. S. A.

Mr. Satya Ranjan Barooah, General Secretary, for the Hindusthan Students' Association of America, International House, Berkeley 4, California, U.S.A., has issued the following appeal to his countrymen in India:—

Our contact with the American people in general has revealed to us the fact that an average American is ignorant of everything about India. We, the Indian students of the University of California at Berkeley—about 60 in number, have decided to do our utmost in dispelling the wrong impressions the people over here have about India. The International House gives us untold facilities for establishing better relationship not only with Americans but with students belonging to fifty-five different nationalities. To promote such relationship, better understanding and appreciation of culture, art, literature, etc., we have organized the Hindusthan Students' Association of America, where among other activities we have an Indian Table, and under this arrangement a weekly programme on India is conducted: music, dances, literature, art, philosophy, etc., of India are represented. The International House authorities have been kind enough to permit all these activities, and the increasing attendance at the weekly meetings of the Indian Table has encouraged us to go further.

For the furtherance of such work it has been felt that a library of Indian books should be maintained at the International House where more than seven hundred students of different nationalities reside. To maintain a good library we feel that we have to approach all authors in India and abroad and to request them to donate copies of their books on India.

We hope you will appreciate our move and help us to build up this library—INDIA SECTION, by sending on to us any books or pamphlets you have published on India, or those in your possession. Information Department of Government of India has kindly consented to send the books to us. So kindly send your books to them at New Delhi.

Mahatma As Missionary

Second Phase Of Walking Tour Includes Visit To 17 Villagers

AMKI, (Noakhali), Jan. 30, (API): The following is the final programme of the second period of Mahatma Gandhi's village to village tour:

Sreenagar: Feb. 5, Dharampur: Feb. 6, Prasadpur: Feb. 7, Naodigram: Feb. 8, Vijoynagar: Feb. 9, and 10, Hamchandi: Feb. 11, Kafiltali: Feb. 12, Kerca: Feb. 13, and 14, Raipur: Feb. 15, and 16, Debipur: Feb. 17 Alunia: Feb 18, Char Dukhia: Feb. 19, Rampur Larua: Feb. 20, Kamalpur (Alg.durgapur): Feb. 21, Char Krishnapur: Feb. 22, Char Solda: Feb. 23, Char Haim: Feb. 24 and 25.

Thus, in the second period of the walking tour Mahatma Gandhi will visit 17 villages.

Mahatma Gandhi reaches Sadhurkhil, the last village in the first period of the walking tour on Monday, Feb. 3.

He will stay in Sadhurkhil for two days, i.e. on Feb. 3, and 4.

The total number of villages including the first and second periods of the walking tour that Mahatma Gandhi will be visiting will be 47.

"I AM A MISSIONARY"

NABAGRAM (Noakhali), Jan. 31, (API): "I am a missionary who professes to make friends of enemies" said Mahatma Gandhi to a Muslim villager who invited him to visit his house while the former was journeying to Nabagram this morning. A 'pandal' was specially erected for Mahatma Gandhi by the house-owner. On his arrival at the 'pandal' Mahatma Gandhi was offered oranges which he distributed to children gathered around him. With one orange in hand, Mahatma Gandhi humorously asked if he should give it to the "Gentleman from Bihar", meaning Mr. Tadyabansh Sahay of Bihar, who was standing behind him. Mahatma Gandhi said that he had been a "dushman" and bursting with laughter holding the orange before Mr. Sahay he added: "I am a missionary who professes to make friends of enemies." The Muslim house-owner and others present there joined Mahatma Gandhi in his laughing.

HE WOULD PREFER STRAW-HUTS

Mahatma Gandhi, in company with Mr. Zaman, additional District Magistrate of Noakhali, inspected model today a model house built by the Bengal Government's Relief Organisation for the resettlement of families who had lost their homes during the October disturbances. Mahatma Gandhi made a thorough study of the model cottage and was inside the house for some time. Mahatma Gandhi said that the model cottage was said to be 27 feet square but to Mahatma Gandhi it appeared to be too small and he remarked that in summer the inmates would be baked inside it.

Mr. Zaman told Mahatma Gandhi that the cottage, being built of iron sheets, would last 30 years.

Mahatma Gandhi replied that he would rather prefer straw-huts with more space.

BARODA ON CIVIL AVIATION MAP

BARODA, Jan. 31, (A.P.I.): Baroda Government is planning an internal air service so as to bring Baroda within easy reach of its remote parts said Sir Brojendra Lal Mitter, Dewan of Baroda inaugurating the Gujerat Air Express Service between Ahmedabad and Bombay through Baroda.

With the inauguration of this service Baroda has been put on the civil aviation map.

Sir Brojendra said that the Viramgam customs barrier still separated Kathiawar from Baroda, and expressed the hope that Baroda would soon be linked up with Rajkot, as it would be with the British mainland.

EYE RELIEF WORK IN RURAL AREAS

Chatari Thanks Mrs. Pandit

ALIGARH, Jan. 31 (A.P.I.): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Minister United Provinces, arrived here to-day to inaugurate the eye relief scheme in the rural area of Aligarh, Balandshahr, Etah and Moradabad Districts. The Governing Body of the Aligarh Eye Hospital Trust presented her with an address of welcome.

Replying to the address Mrs. Pandit appreciated the work done by the Aligarh Eye Hospital for the poor people of the United Provinces, but warned the workers not to consider this work as an act of charity but a duty to humanity. We have to do considerable work in rural areas where people have neither enough food nor hospitals and other necessities of life", she said.

The Nawab of Chatari on behalf of the Governing Body thanked Mrs. Pandit and requested her to pay another visit to Aligarh in the near future.

Srirangam Temple Opened To Harijans

TRICHINOPOLY, Feb. 1, (A.P.I.): Amidst enthsiastic scenes, the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple of Srirangam, the most important Vaishnavite temple of South India, situated on the banks of the sacred Cauvery river, was thrown open to Harijans today.

Antarctic Coastline Changing

LITTLE AMERICA, Jan. 31 (U. P. A.): Outlining his plans for flying over the South Pole and possibly making the most important discovery in the history of Antarctic explorations Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd to-day reviewed the achievements made hitherto by the present expedition and revealed that the Western group has found all sorts of changes in the coastline along the coasts of Victoria Land and Wilkes Land which affect existing maps. New geographic features in Wilkes Land include several new bays, the admiral said.

The Western Group, he said, has found an apparent big indentation in the coastline of Ellsworth Land, south of the Roosevelt Sea.

Referring to flights by the Eastern Group under the command of Captain George Dufek into the territory which Byrd himself had first explored by airplane in 1940, the Admiral said, "I get a hell of a big kick when Dufek says he found two big islands.... and said what I put down on the mao sometimes was wrong."

Byrd said the Eastern and Western Groups "cleared up in a short time geographical tasks which others have been trying to get done for years." He said he believed the weather would hold good enough so the Eastern and Western Groups would be able to continue their flights throughout the whole month of February.

Byrd said one thing he wanted to do was to walk over eight miles South and take a look at the first Little America base. He said he was amazed to hear that one of the wind machines is still turning on the radio towers which were erected in 1928.

Meanwhile, the Mount Olympus and the Merrick which rested in the Bay on Thursday, blew their emergency whistles preparatory to leaving when a sudden snowstorm descended on the Little America area. The Mount Olympus got underway about an hour after the snow began. Weather forecasters predicted winds of 25 knots, equal to those which cracked the bay ice and kept the ships out of the bay for three days before they re-entered.

ICEBERG DRIFTS INTO BAY OF WHALES, DISRUPTS ANTARCTIC UNLOADING OPERATIONS

LITTLE AMERICA, Jan. 30. (UPA): An errant iceberg which roamed into the Bay of Whales five days ago left today due to changed winds and a strong current. The iceberg floated into the Byrd Expedition's harbour on Friday, disrupting unloading operations and forcing all ships out of the Bay to escape being crushed.

Meanwhile, Admiral Cruzon announced that it is "quite possible that Admiral Byrd will fly to Little America tonight from the carrier Philipine Sea, 650 miles to the North.

Although the iceberg has gone, the flagship MOUNT OLYMPUS and the cargo vessels MERRICK and YANCEY are still unable to enter the Bay. Three days ago a strong wind broke up the ice to which they had been moored and there is still too much drifting ice to make operations safe.

DIAMOND SALES REACH RECORD LEVEL

LONDON, Jan. 31, (Reuter): Diamond sales in London during 1946 amounted to £30,000,000—a record for the industry, it was officially announced here today. The previous record was £24,500,000 in 1945.

Motorcar and aeroplane manufactures and other firms who use diamond-fitted precision tools, are demanding twice as many diamonds as they used during the war, and more diamonds than ever before are going to Canada, the United States, Argentine, Uruguay, China and other countries.

A diamond expert told Reuter: "China particularly is taking a large amount of diamonds. Because of the uncertainty of the times, wealthier Chinese are, apparently, investing most of their money in diamonds."

Asked if diamond finds in Africa were likely to influence the market, he said: "I doubt it very much. Of last year's £30,000,000 worth of sales, only £1,000,000 was accounted for by diamonds from Tanganyika"

CONTINUED SHORTAGE OF BLENDING WOOLS IN U.S.

PHILADELPHIA Jan. 30 (UPA): Rug wool dealers anticipate a continued shortage of supplies of blending wools for some time yet, pointing out that the Indian Government has not yet divulged the terms and conditions for the release of 30.000 bales which have been several times oversubscribed for.

They said that some exporters in India have accepted orders on the basis of "anticipation certificates" which imply that purchasers of these papers are entitled to expect guaranteed allotments and prompt issuance of export permits, but dealers believe that anyone subscribing on this basis is likely to be disappointed.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (Reuter): Cotton opened irregular 2 high to 8 lower and then eased on professional selling and week-end profittaking reflecting caution over the technical condition of the market. The market then became active rallying sharply under the leadership of near months on active trade demand and short covering finding offerings subsiding as the market gave further attention to bullish factors such as the growing tightness of the statistical situation, good export demand and firmness of the stock market. The market closed firm 22 to 7 higher.

STOCKS: The return of trading to the 75 per cent margin basis found many issues advancing but the rally was handicapped at times by precautionary week-end profittaking. Gains up to 2 points of more prevailed in second hour trading with dealings fairly active. Buyers gave preference to leading steels, motors, chemicals, buildings, wet stocks, rails, rail equipments, textiles, foods, low-priced utilities and publishing with last aided by some adverse rate increases. There is growing realisation that many of the problems and matter which gave concern to the market last summer have been disposed of or are in process of elimination and this is exerting much influence onr einvestment programmes. Rails resisted late profittaking to close around the day's best but gains in numerous other groups were pared. The market closed steady up to one point or so higher.

Chicago grains continued to display a strong undertone reflecting overnight developments, like the record export grain allocations for March and the lifting of restrictions on the use of maize by distillers. Ativerse weather conditions in the United States grain and the European continent were additional bolstering influences. Towards the close, however, the market reacted on week-end profittaking and the tapering off of early commercial demand.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 1.

March	32.04
May	31.13
July	29.30
October	26.97
December	26.40
January	26.15
Middling Spot	32.72

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Feb. 1.

March	32.08
May	31.11
July	29.21
October	26.98
December	26.43
Middling Spot	31.90

London Exchange unchanged. London Stock Exchange and Produce closed.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

Chicago, Feb. 1.

March	2.16 6/8
May	1.99 3/8
July	1.83 7/8
September	1.80 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 1.

American Telephone & Telegraph	173 3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	34
Anaconda Copper Mining	41
Chase National Bank	37 3/8
Sinclair Oil	16
Firestone Tyre Co.	58 7/8
General Electric Co.	39 3/8
General Motors	59 1/2
Ingersol Rand	128 bid
International Nickel	36 1/2
National City Bank of New York	41 5/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	20 3/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14 7/8
Texas Corporation	60
Union Carbon & Carbide	96 3/4
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	47 3/8
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	77
Western Union Telegraph	22 3/4

Export Of Indian Raw Cotton

Government of India have fixed an export quota for certain varieties of Indian raw cotton during the period January/April, 1947, consisting of (a) Short staple, (b) Medium staple and (c) Long staple, for export to five groups of countries viz., the U.K. European countries (other than U.K. and Germany), the U.S.A., China and other countries. So far as the U.S.A. is concerned, the quota will be granted in short staple varieties only. Exports to the U.K. will be allowed within the quantities fixed against the purchases made by H.M. G. Board of Trade. The last date for submitting application is February 15.

NEW YORK SEEDS UNCHANGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 31, (UPA): Seed prices remained unchanged during today's session of the New York Market. Black pepper business was however done to the extent of 300,000 ounces although some quarters reported that total sales amounted to between 500,000 and 600,000 ounces. One trade source said that domestic buyers are purchasing in a "fairly big way" and expressed the hope that the deadlock may be broken, but pointed out that today is the end of the fiscal year which may have accounted for the heavy buying.

BILL FOR AMENDMENT OF DEBT RELIEF ACT

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 31 (API): "The bill for the amendment of the Debt Relief Act has been prepared, and it will be introduced in the next session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly," declared Mr. V. L. Mehta, Minister of Finance and Co-operation, addressing the local Congress workers here. He said "The object of the new bill is to meet the difficulties found in the working of the Debt Relief Act. Government were aware of the dissatisfaction against the working of the Debt Adjustment Boards. Civil Judges whose number will be increased will be appointed in place of Debt Adjustment Boards to hear applications of agriculturists at convenient places. The main structure of the Act would however remain the same, and if any member of the public wants to make suggestions after the publication of the new bill, Government would gladly consider it."

No Union Jack On Educational Institutions

Orissa Govt. Decision Sequel To Ravenshaw College Strike

CUTTACK, Feb. 2 (API): The Union Jack will not be flown on any educational institution in Orissa in future.

This, it is understood, has been ordered by the Orissa Government following the strike at the Ravenshaw College arising out of the action taken by the authorities against the removal of the Union Jack from the College premises by students on its annual sports day.

The strike was called off after the above assurance was conveyed to the Students' Council of Action by the Secretary of the Provincial Congress.

Other terms of the settlement as conveyed by the Congress Secretary include remission of the fines imposed on the students who pulled down the Union Jack and non-victimisation of students for taking part in the strike.

The student responsible for pulling down the flag will express regret for "violation of an implied understanding and a technical breach of discipline".

His statement will, however, say: "I removed the Union Jack as it is an emblem of British imperialism in India".

All the 32 students arrested in connection with the student demonstrations following the strike were released this afternoon.

At a meeting held later to greet the students, speakers praised the "responsive attitude of the Popular Government in acceding to a popular demand", and said that Orissa was the first province to order that the Union Jack shall not be flown on any educational institution in the province.

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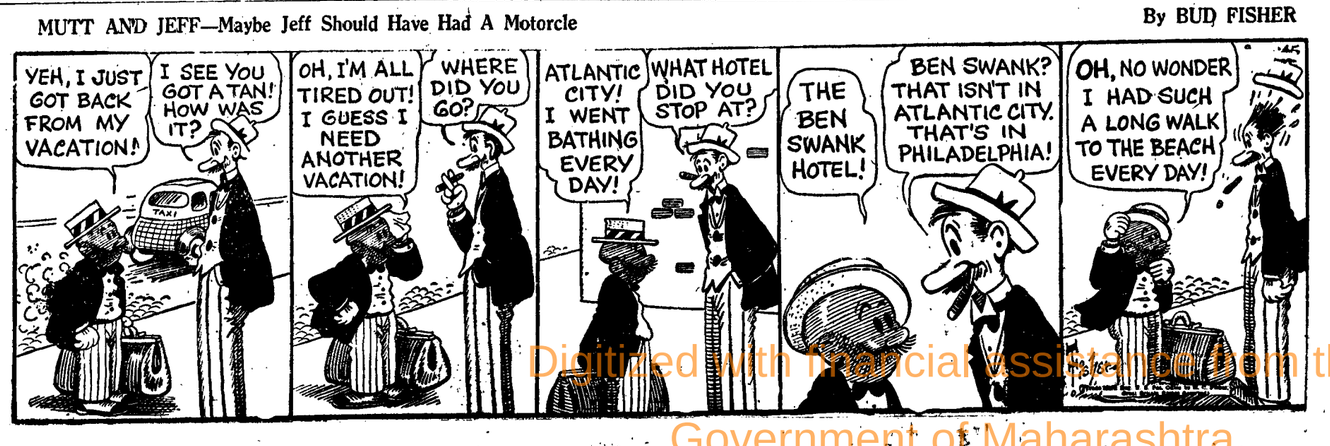
MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe Jeff Should Have Had A Motorcle By BUD FISHER


YEH, I JUST GOT BACK FROM MY VACATION!
I SEE YOU GOT A TAN! HOW WAS IT?
OH, I'M ALL TIRED OUT! I GUESS I NEED ANOTHER VACATION!
WHERE DID YOU GO?
ATLANTIC CITY! I WENT BATHING EVERY DAY!
WHAT HOTEL DID YOU STOP AT?
THE BEN SWANK HOTEL!
BEN SWANK? THAT ISN'T IN ATLANTIC CITY. THAT'S IN PHILADELPHIA!
OH, NO WONDER I HAD SUCH A LONG WALK TO THE BEACH EVERY DAY!

DISPOSALS

The Regional Commissioner Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay invites sealed tenders for the purchase and removal of the following:—

STORES I

DESCRIPTION:
J.W. SCANTLINGS and BALLIES (Serviceable) in varied sizes—the sizes of the Scantlings being—6" x 6" x 10 ft., 5" x 5" 5 ft. to 10 ft., and 4" x 4" x 10 ft., and other sizes.

LOCATION: These are lying in two lots at F/S Yard, Ahmednagar, under the Garrison Engineer, Ahmednagar.

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. RCS/33001/MMH—8.

LAST DATE DUE: 20th February, 1947.

OFFERS should be sent to this office and should remain open for acceptance up to 13th March, 1947.

STORES II

DESCRIPTION — QUANTITY:
Cylinders Ebonite — 184 Nos. (Length 12 ft. Bore and Diameter Varies)

LOCATION: Messrs. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Jackaria Bunder Road, Sewree, Bombay

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. RCS 3341/MMH—8.

LAST DATE DUE: 20th February, 1947.

OFFERS should be sent to this office and should remain open for acceptance up to 13th March, 1947.

TENDER FORMS together with permits to inspect the stores can be obtained on payment of Rs. 5/- in cash (not refundable) from this office.

All further particulars may be obtained from this office.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS,
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Wanted Bride, beautiful fairly educated, Hindu of any caste, respectable family, for a highly educated Hindu, Gujerati young man of about 32 having independent business abroad with annual income of about rupees fifty thousand. Correspondence treated strictly confidential. Reply to Box No. 4730, "Bombay Chronicle."

Ladies—All Communities—28-35, seeking Doctors for Matrimony to Box No. 4764 "Bombay Chronicle"

SITUATIONS VACANT

Applications for the post of Nursing Superintendent, Windham Hospital, Jodhpur, advertised on Jan. 17, 18 and 20, will now be received up to Feb. 28th. 1774

Wanted a qualified Accountant knowing also Gujerati Accounts for a well established Limited Co. Apply in own handwriting stating previous experience, salary expected etc. to Box No. 4738 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted experienced Short-hand Typist. Salary Rs. 80 - with allowances. Apply Post Box 526, Bombay. 4776

Wanted an efficient Stenographer, salary payable 150|- to 200|- per month, also a Typist, salary payable 100|- to 140|- per month. Apply with full particulars to Post Office Box No. 1258, Bombay. 1761

Wanted General Clerks for a Limited Company, one having previous experience, with knowledge of typing and filing will be preferred. Please apply with full particulars as to qualification etc., and salary expected to Box No. 4737, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted influential experienced and reliable persons for canvassing. Apply to Indian National Directories, Post Box 115, Bangalore City. 4560

Wanted Superintendents, Religious Teachers and Office Assistants for Vidyarthigrihas in Bombay and Poona. Applications stating age, salary and experience should reach Honorary Secretaries, Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya, Gowalia Tank Road, Bombay 26 before the 15th February. Knowledge of Gujarati essential. (4715)

Wanted a qualified and experienced Technical man to design commercial and household refrigeration and supervise workshop. Pay according to qualifications. The Electrical and Cooling House, Peshawar. (4746)

If you want any kind of employment in India or abroad, apply (stating qualifications) for our "Terms", Hastings & Co., Employment Agents, Cloth Market, Delhi. 4740

SITUATION WANTED

A young educated Brahmin lady seeking Office Work, Tuitions or Household Management in Bombay only. Apply Box No. 4762 "Bombay Chronicle".

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For married couple. Apply to Box No. 4701, "Bombay Chronicle."

Hostel—Few seats available, boarding and lodging Rs. 100|- in advance. Apply to Box No. 4700, "Bombay Chronicle."

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Admissions—Davar's College of Commerce—Professional and Commerce Diploma Courses suitable for Graduates, Undergraduates and others. Tuition personal or through post. Call or write for Prospectus, 51, Esplanade Road. 4772

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Hypon relieves pain quickly, certainly. It acts direct on the nerve centres. It produces no depressive after-effects, of constipation. Have Hypon always handy. Available from Chemists or Biddle Sawyers, Bombay-9. Rs. 1|8|- for 20 tablets. 1541

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AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents to Secure woollen and Silk Cloth Orders, terms liberal free. Apply Western Textiles, Ludhiana." (4540)

Wanted—Agents for Wholesale dealers, stocks Pearl & Horn Buttons. Apply to:—The Siva Sankar Button Mfg. Co., 3, Takerhat Lane, Nawapur, Dacca (Bengal). 4747

FINANCIAL

Wanted a Financier for a running Pottery factory investment 40-50 thousands. Good return guaranteed. Correspond with No. 4742, "Bombay Chronicle."

VEHICLES FOR SALE

New Bradford Station Wagons, six seater, Leather Upholstery, very economical. Also Bradford 10 cwt. delivery vans with English body. Enquire Federal Motors, Hughes Road, Bombay. (1727)

PUBLIC NOTICES

TRADE MARK

REMESONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client Mr. JOHN REMEDIOS, Sole Proprietor of "Remedios & Sons" of 255, Hornby Road, Bombay has adopted as his Trade Mark the above mark in respect of Scientific Apparatus and Instruments. It is hereby cautioned that any one imitating or infringing the said Trade Mark over similar goods will be actionable in law. TRADE MARK REGISTRATION BUREAU, Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys, 29, Dalhousie Sq. Calcutta & Meherwan Bldgs. Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Bombay. 4758

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, at his office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagaon, Bombay No. 10, up to 1 p. m. (S. T.) on Monday, the 3rd March 1947, for the supply of the following:—

Item 1—Paints Anti-corrosive and Anti-fouling.

Item 2—Paints Readymixed and Moist of various kinds.

Tender forms giving full particulars can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2|- and Rs. 5|- per copy for items 1 and 2 respectively, which will not be sent by V. P. P.

R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores.
1777

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCHEDULED CASTE CANDIDATES

APPLICATIONS are invited for the award of the Government of India Scholarships for 1947-48 to students belonging to Scheduled Castes in British India, who wish to pursue their studies in Scientific, Technological and some of the professional subjects selected for the purpose, beyond the Matriculation stage. These scholarships are tenable for studies in India only.

Copies of "Instructions to Candidates", prescribed application forms and regulations relating to these scholarships are obtainable free of charge from the Secretary, Scheduled Caste Scholarship Board, Department of Education, New Delhi 3. Candidates are required to submit their applications on the prescribed form through the head of the institution attended or last attended by them. Those candidates who applied last year but were not selected should submit fresh applications. THE LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30TH, 1947. 1736

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Site in the Heart of Town on Main Road available for Cinema Theatre on hire or for sale. Interested parties apply, H. K. Sharma, Chalisgaon (E. K.). 4773

BUSINESS OFFERS

Export of Motor Tyres and Tubes to Iran, Iraq—Permit available for second hand, all sizes. Parties interested contact immediately, Box No. 4735, "Bombay Chronicle."

Parties interested in importing old and overissued newspapers from U. S. A., write to Suraiya Brothers, 13, Clive Street, Calcutta. (4774)

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MACHINERIES FOR SALE

For Sale Mild Steel Plates original lengths and widths ½" to 3" thickness—huge quantity available for immediate disposal. Apply Box No. 4717, "Bombay Chronicle."

For sale 8 x 12" two new Chandler Price Printing Presses. Apply Western India Agency 156, Tardeo Road, Bombay 7. 4775

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Wanted Glycerine C. P. & Dynamite Grade. Write Box No. 1762 "Bombay Chronicle".

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

"Decora" Sale Closing in few days. Now is your chance to get beautiful home decorating articles at exceptionally low prices. Lovely Czechoslavakian liquor sets in white and colour glass. Raval Tiles & Marble Ltd., 97A Queen's Road, Bombay. 4770

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE PREMIER CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at "Construction House", Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1947 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1946 and to declare Dividends on Preference, Second Preference and Third Preference Shares.
2. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation and who are eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED as from TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1947, to SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1947, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
B. D. SARDESAI,
Secretary.

Construction House,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay 27th January, 1947.

NOTE:—The Dividends, if sanctioned, will be paid at the Company's Registered Office at Construction House Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, on and from Monday, the 31st March 1947 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Company's Register on Saturday, the 8th March, 1947.

This Notice is addressed more particularly to:— Dr. Dattatraya Atmaram Mhaiskar, Mr. Ahmode Mohamed Kathrada, Mr. Mamode Ismael Kathrada, Mr. Mahamadbhai Abdulally V. Topiwalla, Janikibai alias Lilabai w/o Mr. D. A. Mhaiskar, Mr. Navroji Manekji Bharucha, Rev. Donald Francis Mackenzie, Mr. Edgar Thomas Rames, Mr. Archibald Slater Oukley, Mr. Dattatraya Shivarao Manikar, Mr. John Joseph Sudborough, Mr. Edward Parr Metcalfe, Mr. H. J. Allen, Mr. Joaquim Santano de Souza, Mr. Bisseswar Brohmo, Mr. Frank Charles Danger, Captain William Sumner, Mr. Harold Stuart Carpenter, Mr. L. Ram Dass, Miss J. H. Alexander, Dr. Jamiatram Krishnaram Dave, Mr. Abbasbhai Dawoodbhai Vasi, Mr. Ismail Rahimtulla. 1766

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BOMBAY-SIND

APPLICATIONS are invited before 15-3-1947 for the contract posts of (1) CIVIL ENGINEER, (ii) ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER, and (iii) CHIEF DRAFTSMAN. PAY:—(i) For Civil Engineer.—Rs. 1,500-2,150, PLUS overseas pay of £13-6-8 per mensem for an officer of non-Asiatic domicile, (ii) for Establishment Officer—Rs. 300-900, and (iii) for Chief Draftsman—Rs. 300-500. QUALIFICATIONS:—(a) FOR CIVIL ENGINEER.—A degree of equivalent qualification in Civil Engineering AND ordinarily 20 years' experience in Civil Engineering, including 7 years in a position of responsibility in connection with design, and execution of large works like construction of dams, tunnels and power station buildings, survey and construction of transmission lines and hydromatric and hydrological investigations. (b) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER—Degree in Arts, Science, Commerce or Law, and 7 years' experience in office work and drafting including 3 years in a responsible administrative post in an administrative office. (c) FOR CHIEF DRAFTSMAN—Degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent qualification, and association with engineering works for 15 years, competence to check design data of engineering works like R.C.C. constructions, steel structures, trusses, anchor blocks, foundations, etc., and intimate knowledge of preparing working drawings, taking out quantities and preparation of tender documents, good draftsmanship and capacity of and experience in guiding and controlling a large drawing office organisation. AGE LIMITS—For Civil Engineer no age limit; for the other posts not more than 45 years on 1-5-1947. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 1765

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA

WANTED for the Office of the Constituent Assembly (Publicity Section) two Research Officers. Pay Rs. 400-25-600. Age limit 25-35. QUALIFICATIONS good academic degree with Law, Political Science or Constitution or Constitutional History as special subjects. Persons having previous experience of research work and of editorial or Feature writing in a newspaper office will be preferred. Last date for applications 15th February, 1947. Secretary Constituent Assembly of India, Council House, New Delhi. 1769

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL CONCERNED are hereby informed that all kinds of outstanding claims, prior to 1-1-47, against COMBINED KINEMATOGRAPH SERVICE, CENTRAL DEPOT, I.A.C.C., Sewri, BOMBAY, must be submitted to reach their Office by 15-2-1947, failing which THESE CLAIMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 1745

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BOMBAY POTTERIES & TILES LIMITED

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, United India Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay on MONDAY the 17th February, 1947, at 3-15 P. M. (S. T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 30th September 1946.
(2) To declare a Dividend on First Preference Shares for the year 1945-46 (less income tax).
(3) To declare a Dividend on Second Preference Shares for the year 1945-46 (free of income tax).
(4) To elect three Directors in place of Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. Motichand G. Shaha and Mr. Jamnadas Kherajbhai Ladiwala who retire by rotation under Article 103 but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
(5) To confirm the appointment of Mr. F. Mascarenhas and Mr. Jayantilal R. Mehta as Directors.
(6) To appoint Auditors for the year 1946-47 and to fix their remuneration.
(7) To transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday the 5th February 1947 to 17th February 1947 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board of Directors
C. J. MOTICHAND & CO.
Managing Agents

Bombay, 13th January, 1947.

Note:—The Dividends, if sanctioned at the General Meeting, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, United India Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay on and after 3rd March 1947 during Office hours to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on 17th February 1947. 1770

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply on hire of bullocks and drivers without carts for works in General Works, Southern and Northern Divisions, for 12 months commencing from 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948.

Conditions of contract, schedule of quantities and form of tender can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.

No tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 400/- for each division by crossed cheque as earnest money. The deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 P.M. (S.T.) on Wednesday, 12th February, 1947.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.

Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 1741

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply of Labour for twelve months commencing from 1st April 1947 to 31st March 1948 for the following two separate contracts:—

	Earnest money
(1) Supply of daily labour for Scraping, Chipping, Cleaning, etc. Port Trust vessels, boilers and other plant	Rs. 400
(2) Supply of labour for Scraping, Painting, etc. of the hulls (outside) of Port Trust vessels below water line and other open air work in dry dock.	Rs. 200

Conditions of Contract, Form of Tender and Agreement that will have to be entered into by the successful contractor can be obtained from the Chief Engineer, on payment of Rs. 3/- for each contract and no tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form or which is not accompanied by a deposit by a crossed cheque as earnest money noted against each contract above, which deposit will be returned.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 P.M. (S.T.) on Friday, the 14th February, 1947.

(Sd.) F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer,
Bombay Port Trust. 1740

G.I.P. RLY. TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 14-2-47 for the supply of vegetables at the Railway's Grainshops at Igatpuri, Manmad and Nandgaon. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 1663

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS from Candidates of all communities are invited by the undersigned for the following temporary posts. The applicants should clearly indicate their (a) age, (b) qualifications, (c) experience, and (d) community.

Applications should reach the undersigned on or before 10-2-1947.

1. ENGINEERING SUBORDINATES—3 POSTS—Scale—Rs. 70-5-150-E.B.-10-200.

A Candidate must have a Degree or Diploma in Civil Engineering from any of the recognized Universities. Previous experience in a like post will be considered an additional qualification.

2. DRAUGHTSMEN—II GRADE—2 POSTS—Scale Rs. 75-4-95-E.B.-5-150.

A Candidate must have a Diploma in Civil Engineering with at least 3 years' experience in the estimating of Civil Engineering projects.

3. DRAUGHTSMEN—III GRADE—2 POSTS—Scale Rs. 40-5/2-90-E.B. at Rs. 75/-.

Qualifications:—Diploma holder from any of the recognised Engineering Schools. Matriculate with five years' experience in an Engineering Design Office.

4. SURVEYORS—3 POSTS—Scale—Rs. 70/- p.m. fixed.

Candidate must be a trained surveyor having practical experience of at least two years.

5. 'C' GRADE CLERKS—7 POSTS—Scale Rs. 55-5-60-E.B.-5-80.

A Candidate must be a matriculate with knowledge of typing preferred.

NOTE:—Higher starting pay will be given according to qualifications and previous experience. All posts will carry usual allowances as sanctioned by Government of India from time to time.

(Sd.) K. L. H. WADDEY, Esq., M.B.E., I.S.E.,
Superintending Engineer,
Bombay Av. Circle, CPWD.

Commerce House,
Ballard Estate, Bombay. 1764

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

Bombay Castle, 29th January 1947

ORDER

BOMBAY ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AND CATTLE (CONTROL) ACT, 1946.

No. 32/IV-D—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 8 of the Bombay Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, 1946 (Bom. XXII of 1946), the Government of Bombay is pleased to make the following order, namely:—

1. (1) This Order may be called the Thana Charcoal Procurement Order, 1947.

(2) It extends to the district of Thana.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. The Provincial Government, the Divisional Forest Officer, North Thana, Nasik, the Divisional Forest Officer, West Thana, Thana, the Divisional Forest Officer, East Thana, Nasik, the District Magistrate, Thana, or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the Provincial Government may by notice served in the manner laid down under clause 4 require any person holding a stock of charcoal to sell the whole or a specified part of the stock of charcoal in his possession or under his control at such prices, before such dates and to such persons or class of persons, or in such circumstances, as may be specified in the notice.

3. If any person fails to comply with any notice given under clause 2, the Divisional Forest Officer, North Thana, Nasik, the Divisional Forest Officer, West Thana, Thana, the Divisional Forest Officer, East Thana, Nasik, the District Magistrate, Thana, or any officer authorised by them in this behalf, may enter upon the land or premises and take possession of the stock of charcoal in respect of which the notice was given and sell or cause to be sold such stock to the person or persons specified in the notice given under clause 2.

4. (1) Every notice given under clause 2 shall be served on the person—

(i) personally, by delivering or tendering to him the notice, or
(ii) by post, or
(iii) where the person cannot be found by leaving an authentic copy of the notice with some adult male member of his family or by affixing such copy to some conspicuous part of the premises in which he is known to have last resided or carried on business or worked for gain.

(2) Where a question arises whether a person was duly informed of a notice given under clause 2 compliance with the requirements of sub-clause (1) shall be conclusive proof that he was so informed but failure to comply with the said requirements shall not preclude proof by other means that he was so informed or effect the validity of the notice.

By order of the
Governor of Bombay,
D. S. BAKHLE,
Secy.

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of various used articles from the India United Mills, Ltd., No. 1 Mill No. 2 & 3 Mills, No. 4 Mill, No. 5 Mill and Dye Works and will be received upto 12-2-1947 at the Registered Office, E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate. Tenders forms can be obtained from this Office. 1768

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LANDS, HIRINGS AND DISPOSALS DIRECTORATE

Office of A. D. lands, hirings and disposals service, Botawalla Chambers, Sir P. M. Road, Fort: Bombay.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase for demolition of the structures situated as follows:—

(a) Naffi stores and bottling factory, Tardeo Road, Mahalaxmi:
1 Lahore shed—corrugated iron and wood trusses
1 Latrine block—Mangalore tile roof, brick walls with fittings and 2 steel water tanks and barbed wire fencing surrounding the site.
(b) Plot of land on left hand side of Victoria Bunder Road opposite Chhottu Terrace.
1 Dining hall and 1 cookhouse, Mangalore tile roof and brick walls and barbed wire fencing surrounding the site.

Tender documents will be issued on application and payment of Rs. 5 per set by D. A. D. Lands, Hirings & Disposals Service.

Tenders will be received up to 12-00 hrs. on 13 February 1947 at which time they will be opened in the presence of such tenderers as desire to be present.

Q. R. BEALE.
A. D. lands, hirings & Disposals Service 1771

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P.M. on 11-2-47 for the supply of Kardi Oil from 1-3-47 to the Railway's grainshop at Sholapur. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 1664

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
OFFICE OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER, BOMBAY.
No. CYC-2-N(1)
1st February, 1947.

NOTICE

ATTENTION of all quotaholders in Bombay and Bombay Suburban District is drawn to the Textile Commissioner's Notification No. 83 (1)TA/47(1) dated 21st January, 1947, published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, dated 24th January, 1947, prescribing submission of periodical returns to the Textile Commissioner by them. The form prescribed in this Notification supersedes the form prescribed by the Textile Commissioner's Notice No. CYC-2-N (1) dated 6th July 1946. Quotaholders are warned that omission to submit returns precisely according to the new form will render them liable to prosecution.

2. Attention is also drawn to the revised classification given in the new form under the category 'FENTS'. Two separate returns are required to be submitted—

(i) Class XIV—Fents of one yard or above, but not exceeding three yards in length. This will include all fents of dhoties and sarees not below one yard in length;
(ii) Class XV—Fents below one yard in length or RAGS. Cut pieces or SECONDS above 3 yards but less than 10 yards in length, excluding fents of Dhoties and Sarees are to be declared under the respective classes I to XIII.

3. Quotaholders are also hereby informed that the Textile Commissioner has decided to modify partially the form of Delivery Order published in his Notice No. CYC-2-N(1) dated 6th July, 1946 as per Schedule 'A'. A quotaholder shall report 10 bales or less in the prescribed form of Return in TRIPLICATE. He shall ensure that:

(i) each such Return and two copies thereof are stitched securely together in the top left-hand corner and the words 'first copy', 'second copy' and 'third copy' respectively marked;
(ii) each copy of the Return is complete in respect of stocks and also as to the quotaholder's name, licence number, telephone number and the full address of the place of business;
(iii) each individual Return contains only uniform qualities such as coating, shirting, etc. Dhoties and Sarees of different dimensions should not be mixed up together. For example, a single Return should not contain dhoties of 44" x 9½ yds. and those of 48" x 9½ yds. or other similar variations; and
(iv) the reverse of each Return is left completely blank.

4. Instructions to sell to a specified buyer in respect of Returns to be submitted in triplicate will be issued on the back of the Return itself as per modified form 'A' of the Delivery Order,—one copy of the quotaholder's Return being handed over to the buyer and one to the quotaholder.

5. This modified procedure will apply to the stock returns due from quotaholders for the period ending 10th, February, 1947.

SCHEDULE 'A'

Office of the Textile Commissioner
Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Delivery Order No.....

Please sell and deliver the cloth specified overleaf against Purchase Authority No. P. C. ( )/.....issued in favour of Messrs.....
as the buyers for.....

FOR TEXTILE COMMISSIONER. 1776

PUBLIC NOTICES

"SOUND" TENDERS APOLOGY TO Mr. & Mrs. UMROOTKAR

We, the Editor and Publisher of "Sound Magazine" hereby unconditionally withdraw all allegations which were made inadvertently against Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Umrootkar as Journalists and Members of the Teaching Staff of The Horniman College of Journalism in the article published in the "Sound Magazine" of October 1946 and express our sincere regret for having made the same.

We thank them for having accepted this unconditional apology.

(Sd.) Z. B. KUREISHI.
(Sd.) M. NAZIR. 1763

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

LOST OR MISLAID

SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos. 35110/11 for 10 shares Nos. 518312 to 518321 of the Union Bank of India Ltd., standing in the name of Jamnalal Kanaiyalal Jaju are lost or mislaid. Anybody having any claim against them should intimate to the above bank within one month from the date hereof. After which the Bank will issue duplicates.

(Sd.) JAMNALAL KANAIYALAL JAJU. 4769

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that Mr. Amratlal Nagardas of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim, interest or demand howsoever against, in, to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, trusts, easements, maintenance, share, possession, coparcenery right or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their office at 65 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof failing which the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, shall be deemed and treated as having been waived or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground or plot of Khalsa Tenure, situate lying and being at Ghatkopar forming part of the said Town Planning Scheme Ghatkopar No. II in Taluka South Salsette of Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra being Plot No. 60 of the said Scheme containing by admeasurement 916 (nine hundred and sixteen) square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by public road known as the Seventh Road of the said Scheme on or towards the West by Plot No. 59 of the said Scheme, on or towards the North by Plot No. 61 of the said Scheme and on or towards the South by public road known as the Third Road of the said Scheme.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1947.

MOHILE & PAREKH.
Purchasers' Attorneys. 1772

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the POWER OF ATTORNEY given by our client Mr. MILKHIRAM GOYAL, Proprietor of the firm of Messrs Milkhiram Bros., of Bombay to J. Hyam, appointing him as our clients Agent to work overseas has this day been cancelled. The said J. Hyam is no longer an Agent of our Client and has no authority to do anything on his behalf. Any person dealing with the said J. Hyam will do so at his own risk and our client will not be responsible for the same.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1947.

PAYNE & CO.
Attorneys for Mr. Milkhiram Goyal. 1767

AUCTION SALES

LERY, Mounting of Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Pearls, etc. Gold ornaments, Gold wrist and pocket watches and Silverware, etc.

Under instructions from Messrs. Shroff and Co., Attorneys for the administrators of the Estate of Bai Balai Cursedji Divecha deceased, M/s. Bennett & Co. will on Thursday, the 13th and Friday, the 14th February, 1947 at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) each day sell by Public Auction at their rooms:—Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Pearls, Bangles, Necklace, Rings, Earrings, Gold bangles, Buttons, Cuff links, Rings, Earrings, Medels, Coins, Wrist and Pocket watches, Silver vases, Fary lamp, Silver and Gold fish, Belt, Rose sprinklers, etc.

On view from 10th inst. from 11 to 1 P.M. and 2 to 4 P.M.

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